

H. F. No. 559.

CHAPTER 79.

An act to enable incorporated cities and villages to vote aid in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Enabling cities to vote aid.

Not to exceed 5 per cent of valuation.

SECTION 1. Any incorporated city or village in this state containing a population of less than two thousand, and situated on a railroad line parallel with and not exceeding five miles from any other line of railway, in this state, is hereby authorized and empowered in the manner herein provided to aid in the construction of a switch or branch railroad to connect said city or village with such parallel line by the most direct and practicable route, said branch to be constructed by any railroad company for public use by authority of any law of the state. But no bond shall be issued by any city or village under the provisions of this act to an amount exceeding, together with its then existing indebtedness for that purpose, 5 per centum upon the value of the taxable property therein, the amount of such taxable property to be ascertained and determined by the last assessment of said property made for the purpose of state and county taxation previous to the incurring of such indebtedness.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 19, 1903.

H. F. No. 13.

CHAPTER 80.

An act to create an additional judge for the Fourteenth judicial district of the State of Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Additional judge for 14th District.

SECTION 1. There shall be elected in the Fourteenth judicial district two judges of the district court of such district, either one of whom shall have and exercise the powers of the court as now prescribed by law relative to the present judge of said court, except as otherwise provided by this act; and all laws now in force, whether general or special, as to the qualification, election, canvass of votes, oaths and term of office, and commencement of

such term, compensation, jurisdiction, duties, authority and powers of the present judge of said district court shall apply to each of the judges of said court, and their successors shall be elected and vacancies in their offices filled as now provided in relation to the said judge of said court. *Provided, however,* that the present judge of said court shall be the judge of said court for the unexpired term for which he was elected and qualified, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 2. The said judges may act in joint session for the trial or determination of any matter before the court, including the trial of jury cases; and when so acting, the judge senior in office, or if neither be senior in office, the judge senior in age shall preside; if there is a division of opinion, the opinion of the presiding judge shall prevail. Process may be tested in the name of either of said judges.

To act
jointly.

SEC. 3. The business of said court may be divided between said judges and otherwise regulated as they may direct by rule or otherwise, and each of the said judges may separately try court or jury cases, during the same term and at the same time.

SEC. 4. Upon the passage and approval of this act the governor of this state shall appoint an additional judge for said district court, who shall enter on the discharge of his duties as such judge on the first day of April, 1903, and who shall hold until the next general election, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Governor
to appoint.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved March 24, 1903.

CHAPTER 81.

H. F. No. 67.

An act to create the office and to prescribe the duties of an additional judge for the Fifteenth judicial district.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That there shall be elected in the Fifteenth judicial district of said state two judges of the district court of such district, each of whom shall have and exercise the powers of the said court as now prescribed by law relative to the present judge of said court, except as

Creates
additional
judge 15th
district.