

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.

otherwise provided by this act; and all laws now in force, whether general or special, as to the qualification, election, canvass of votes, oath 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 present judge of said court; *provided, however*, that the present judge of said court shall be judge thereof for the unexpired term for which he was elected and qualified, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Judges to
act jointly.

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 senior in age, shall preside; and if there is a division of opinion, the opinion of the presiding judge shall prevail. Process may be attested in the name of either of said judges.

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

Governor
to appoint.

SEC. 4. That immediately upon the passage and approval of this act the governor of said state shall appoint a competent person as additional judge for said district, who shall immediately thereafter qualify and enter upon the duties of said office, and who shall hold the said office until the next general election, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 24, 1903.