

CHAPTER 173—H. F. No. 709.

An Act requiring railroad companies to have telegraph or telephone operators at their depots in cities and villages of over 500 inhabitants.

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

Operator to be on duty one-half hour before schedule time of arrival of trains.—Section 1. Every railroad company operating within this state shall keep at its depot in any city or village of over 500 inhabitants, a competent telegraph or telephone operator who shall be on duty for least one-half hour before the scheduled time of arrival of any train receiving or discharging passengers at such depot. Such telegraph or telephone operator shall obtain and communicate, upon request of any person, information as to the time of arrival of any delayed train.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the railway and warehouse commission to enforce the provisions of this act.

Approved April 13, 1909.

CHAPTER 174—H. F. No. 868.

An Act empowering city councils in cities of ten thousand inhabitants or less to levy a frontage tax assessment for the purpose of laying water mains and city water systems within their corporate limits, and to make contracts with other municipalities or water boards for the furnishing of water and laying of water mains in the streets of such cities of ten thousand inhabitants or less by such other municipalities or water boards.

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

Council empowered to levy water frontage tax.—Section 1. The city council of any city having a population of ten thousand inhabitants or less shall have power to levy a water frontage tax upon every lot, piece or parcel of land in front of which water pipes are or thereafter shall be laid.

Not to exceed ten cents per lineal foot.—Sec. 2. That the annual tax or assessment shall not exceed ten cents per lineal foot of the frontage of such lot, piece or parcel of land and which shall be a lien upon such lot, piece or parcel of land and shall be collected as hereinafter provided. That no property shall be subject to such tax or assessment after ten such annual tax or assessments have been levied against it.

To proceed upon petition of property owners.—Sec. 3. The common council of such cities shall proceed upon the petition of