

CHAPTER 378—S. F. No. 141.

An Act to amend section 2041, Revised Laws of 1905, relative to damages caused by fire communicated by locomotive engines.

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

Railroad company liable for property injured or destroyed by fire from engines.—Section 1. That section 2041 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read, as follows:

“2041. Each railroad corporation owning or operating a railroad in this state shall be responsible in damages to every person and corporation whose property may be injured or destroyed by fire communicated directly or indirectly by the locomotive engines in use upon the railroad owned or operated by such railroad corporation, and each such railroad corporation shall have an insurable interest in the property upon the route of the railroad owned or operated by it and may procure insurance thereon in its own behalf for its protection against such damages.

Sec. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 22, 1909.

CHAPTER 379—S. F. No. 161.

An Act to amend section seven (7), chapter two hundred twenty-nine (229), of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1895, entitled: “An Act to establish municipal courts in incorporated cities having a population of less than five thousand inhabitants.”

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

Place of holding municipal court—What city is to furnish.—Section 1. That section seven (7) of chapter two hundred twenty-nine (229) of the General Laws of 1895 be and the same is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 7. The municipal court shall be held in said city at some suitable place, to be provided therefor by the city.

Its judge shall be the chief magistrate of the city, and shall see that the criminal laws of the state, and the ordinances, laws, regulations and by-laws of said city are observed and executed,

and for that purpose shall open his court at any time, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, and proceed to hear and dispose of in a summary manner, all causes which shall be brought before him by the police officers or marshals of the city, or otherwise, either with or without process, for violations of the criminal laws of the state, committed within the county in which said city is situated, or of the ordinances, laws, regulations or by-laws of said city.

The clerk of said court shall keep a record of all its proceedings and enter all orders, judgments and sentences under the supervision of the judge, and issue commitments and executions, as well as other process; but said city shall furnish all dockets, civil and criminal, document files and file cases, printed blanks and such other supplies as may be necessary for the use of such court or the preservation of its records.

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

Approved April 22, 1909.

CHAPTER 380—S. F. No. 196.

An Act to amend section 2026 of the Revised Laws of 1905, relating to return transportation for the shipper of live-stock.

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

Railroad company to transport one person going and returning.—Section 1. Section 2026 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be amended so as to read as follows:

2026. Transportation of shippers, etc.—Every such company receiving for shipment live stock by the car load shall without additional charge transport, going and returning, in a caboose, or other suitable car, with the first such car load, one person to care for such stock, and one person in addition for each four additional car loads shipped at the same time. Any company failing to comply with the provisions of this section shall be liable to the shipper for all damages sustained by him by reason of such failure, and any judgment recovered for such damages shall include a reasonable attorney's fee.

Sec. 2. This act shall be and remain in force from and after its passage.

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