

## CHAPTER 536—H. F. No. 187.

*An Act prescribing the maximum rate to be charged for the transportation of passengers and his or her ordinary baggage upon the railroads within the state of Minnesota, and providing for the enforcement of the same and the penalties for the violation thereof.*

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

**Section 1. Two cents per mile for railroad fare—exceptions.**

—No railroad company owning, operating, or using a line of railroad within, or partly within the state of Minnesota shall charge, collect or receive as compensation for transporting any passenger and his or her ordinary baggage, not exceeding in weight one hundred fifty (150) pounds any sum or amount in excess of the following prices, viz.: For a distance not exceeding five miles, three cents per mile; for all other distances for all companies for gross earnings of whose passenger trains, as reported the railroad and warehouse commission for the year nineteen hundred eleven (1911), equalled or exceeded the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars per mile for each mile of road operated by said company, on which regular passenger service is maintained, as hereinafter provided, two cents per mile, and for all companies whose earnings reported as aforesaid were less than one thousand two hundred dollars per mile of road operated by said company, three cents per mile: Provided, that in the future, whenever the earnings of any company doing business in this state, as reported to the railroad and warehouse commission at the close of any year, shall increase so as to equal or exceed the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars per mile of road operated by said company, then in such case said company shall thereafter, upon the notification of the railroad and warehouse commission, be required to only receive as compensation for the transportation of any passenger, his or her ordinary baggage, not exceeding in weight one hundred fifty (150) pounds, a rate of only two cents per mile as hereinbefore provided. Provided further, That in computing the passenger earnings per mile of any company the earnings and the mileage of all branch roads owned, leased, controlled or occupied by such company, exclusive of all spurs and branches over which such company does not operate each way daily, except Sunday, at least one passenger train, or mixed train having at least two passenger coaches or one passenger coach and baggage car, shall be included in the computation, and the rate of fare shall be the same on all lines owned, leased, controlled or occupied by such company: Provided further, That no company shall charge, demand or receive any greater compensation per mile for transportation of children of the age of twelve years or

under than one-half the rate herein prescribed: Provided further, That any railroad company may charge a minimum fare of five cents for each passenger transported over its road, whenever cars are propelled or moved by motive power other than steam: The provisions of this section shall apply to all railroad companies operating lines of railroad in this state.

**Sec. 2. Penalties for violation.**—Any railroad company or any officer, agent or representative thereof, who shall violate any provisions of this act upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars together with the cost of prosecution. Providing further that this act shall in no way repeal, amend, affect or modify the provisions of Chapter 493 General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1909.

**Sec. 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1914.

Approved April 26, 1913.

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#### CHAPTER 537—H. F. No. 218.

*An Act to amend Section 420, Revised Laws 1905, relating to counties and county officers.*

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

**Section 1. Published notice must be given of proposed re-districting, and commissioner must continue to reside in district.**—That Section numbered 420 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

**Section 420.** Each county shall be divided into as many districts, numbered consecutively as it has members of the board. In all counties ( ) such districts shall be bounded by town or ward lines, shall be composed of contiguous territory and contain as nearly as practicable an equal population. Counties may be redistricted by the county board after each state or federal census.

*Provided that the county board shall not have authority or jurisdiction to redistrict a county unless said board shall cause at least three weeks published notice of its purpose to do so, stating the time and place of the meeting where the matter will be considered, to be published in the newspaper having the contract for publishing the delinquent tax notice for said county for the preceding year.*

One commissioner shall be elected in each such district, who at the time of the election shall be a resident thereof, and the person so elected shall be entitled to hold said office only while he remains a resident of said commissioner district.

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