

and not more than seventy congressional townships, and having at any time an assessed valuation of all taxable property, as finally equalized by the state tax commission each year, of not more than three million dollars, the clerk of the district court shall receive an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars, payable in equal monthly installments out of the county treasury, which shall be in full compensation for all services rendered by such clerk for his county.

Sec. 2. This act shall not apply to any county where the salary of such county official is now fixed by special law.

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

Approved April 20, 1917.

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#### CHAPTER 375—S. F. No. 1019.

*An act to authorize common carriers to transport certain persons free of charge at certain times.*

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

Section 1. Common carriers authorized to transport soldiers, etc., free of charge, in time of war.—Whenever a state of war exists between the United States of America and any other nation it shall be lawful for any common carrier engaged in the transportation of passengers within this state to transport any soldier, sailor or marine of the United States or any member of the Minnesota National Guard or of the organized state militia free of charge when in uniform for trips wholly within the State of Minnesota.

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

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#### CHAPTER 376—H. F.—No. 19.

*An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 366 of the General Laws of Minnesota of the year 1911, relating to the salary of deputies in the office of the register of deeds in counties having or which may hereafter have a population of not less than 200,000 and not more than 275,000 inhabitants.*

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

Section 1. Salaries of chief deputy and second deputy of register of deeds of Ramsey county increased.—That Section 2, of Chapter 366 of the General Laws of Minnesota of the year 1911 be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Such register of deeds shall appoint and employ one chief deputy who shall be paid a salary of *twenty-five hundred dollars* per annum, one second deputy who shall be paid a salary of *fifteen hundred* dollars per annum, one chief comparer who shall be paid a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum, one assistant comparer who shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, one indexer who shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, and one general clerk who shall be paid a salary of one thousand dollars per annum.

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

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#### CHAPTER 377—H. F. No. 24.

*An act to prevent unlawful discrimination between different localities in the sale or purchase of grain, and to provide a punishment for the same.*

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

Section 1. Unlawful discrimination in sale, or purchase of grain prohibited.—Any person, firm, copartnership or corporation engaged in the business of buying grain, either for himself or others, who shall with the intention of creating a monopoly or destroying the business of a competitor, discriminate between different sections, localities, communities or cities of this state, by purchasing such grain at a higher price or rate in one locality than is paid for grain of same grade and condition by said purchaser in another locality after making due allowance for the difference, if any, in actual cost of transportation from the locality of purchase, to the locality of manufacture, use, or distribution, shall be deemed guilty of unfair discrimination and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed six months.

Sec. 2. Railroad and warehouse commission to enforce provisions of act.—The state railroad and warehouse commission shall enforce the provisions of this act, and in so doing shall have and exercise all the powers heretofore conferred upon them by law.

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

Approved April 20, 1917.