

CHAPTER 405—S. F. No. 1028.

An act authorizing the appointment of special deputy sheriffs in counties having a population of 300,000 or more inhabitants, defining their powers, and duties and providing for their compensation in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Sheriff of Hennepin county authorized to appoint an unlimited number of deputy sheriffs in case of war.—That in the event of a state of war existing between the government of the United States and any other power, the sheriff of any county of this state now or hereafter having a population of 300,000 or more inhabitants, shall have full power and authority to appoint such a number of deputy sheriffs to be known as special deputy sheriffs as he may deem necessary to properly conserve the peace of his county and protect life and property therein.

Sec. 2. To act without compensation.—The deputies so appointed shall act without compensation, shall be residents of the county wherein appointed and shall exercise such police powers as are now exercised by sheriffs.

Sec. 3. Board may authorize compensation.—Whenever, however, the sheriff of any such county shall report to the board of county commissioners that it is impossible for him to procure a sufficient number of such deputies to act without compensation, the board may authorize the sheriff to employ such a number of such special deputies as it shall designate and fix the compensation for their services.

Approved April 19, 1917.

CHAPTER 406—H. F. No. 107.

An act to amend Section 1268 of the General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, relating to village councils and the power of village councils to adopt and amend ordinances and by-laws.

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

Section 1. Village council authorized to define sprinkling districts and to provide for sprinkling with water or oil.—That paragraph 8 of section 1268 of the General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, be amended by adding at the end of said paragraph 8 the following words, to-wit:

To define sprinkling districts and to require owners or occupants of lots or lands abutting on any public street or alley, to pay the proportionate share of the expense of sprinkling with water or oil any

such street or alley, and in default of such payment to provide for the assessment of such proportionate share against such lots or lands to be collected as other taxes are collected.

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

Approved April 20, 1917.

CHAPTER 407—H. F. No. 162.

An act to amend Sections 2 and 6 of Chapter 34, Special Laws of 1889, and Sections 14 and 20 of Chapter 34, Special Laws of 1889, as amended by Chapter 20 of the General Laws 1909, relating to the municipal court of the city of Minneapolis.

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

Section 1. **Municipal court of Minneapolis given jurisdiction of actions of forcible entry and unlawful detainer.**—That section 2, of chapter 34 of the Special Laws of 1889 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. There shall be established in the city of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, a municipal court for the transaction of all business which may lawfully come before it. Said court shall be a court of record and shall have a clerk and a seal, and shall have jurisdiction to hear, try, and determine civil actions at law, where the amount in controversy does not exceed the sum of *one thousand* dollars, excepting causes involving title to real estate. *Provided, however, that said court shall have jurisdiction of actions of forcible entry and unlawful detainer whether involving the title to real estate or not.* It shall also have exclusive jurisdiction to hear all complaints and conduct all examinations and trials in criminal cases, arising or triable within the city of Minneapolis, heretofore cognizable before a justice of the peace. It shall not have jurisdiction of actions for divorce, nor of any action where the relief asked for in the complaint is purely equitable in its nature. Where no provision is otherwise made in this act, said municipal court is vested with all the powers which are possessed by the district courts of the state, and all laws of a general nature apply to said municipal court, so far as the same can be made applicable, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and the jurisdiction of said court shall be coextensive with the limits of said Hennepin county.

Sec. 2. **To punish for contempt of court by fine of \$100 or 90 days in workhouse.**—That section 6 of chapter 34 of Special Laws of 1889 be amended so as to read as follows: