

authorized to appoint an assistant at a salary of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) per annum and a clerk at a salary not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per annum, such salaries to be paid in the same manner as are the salaries of other county officials in said county.

Approved April 21, 1917.

CHAPTER 512—H. F. No. 1285.

An act to provide for a levy of taxes for state purposes for the fiscal years ending July 31, 1918, and July 31, 1919.

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

Section 1. Tax levy of \$5,040,000 authorized for 1918.—For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1918, a tax of five million, forty thousand dollars (\$5,040,000), or as near that amount as practicable, shall be levied on all the taxable property of the state; provided, that the tax hereby levied shall not exceed the rate of three and two-tenths mills on each dollar of taxable property.

Sec. 2. Levy for 1919.—For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1919, a tax of three million, eighty thousand dollars (\$3,080,000), or as near that amount as practicable, shall be levied on all taxable property of the state; provided, that the tax hereby levied shall not exceed the rate of two mills on each dollar of taxable property.

Sec. 3. How paid and collected.—All taxes levied under the provisions of this act, when collected and paid into the state treasury, shall be placed to the credit of the general revenue fund only.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1917.

• CHAPTER 513—H. F. No. 1008.

An act to amend Section 7287, General Statutes of 1913, relating to administration upon the estate of persons dying intestate.

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

Section 1. Consul or other representative of country of which decedent was a native may be granted letters of administration.—That section 7287, General Statutes of 1913, be and

the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

7287. Administration of the estate of a person dying intestate shall be granted to one or more of the persons herein-after mentioned, and in the following order:

1. The surviving spouse or next of kin or both, as the court may determine, or some person selected by them or either of them, provided that in any case the person appointed shall be suitable and competent to discharge the trust.

2. If all such persons are incompetent or unsuitable, or refuse to accept, or if the surviving spouse or next of kin, for thirty days after the death of the intestate, neglect to apply for administration, the same may be granted to one or more of the principal creditors, if any such are competent and willing to take it, or to some other person who may be interested in the administration of the estate. *If the decedent was a native of any foreign country and the surviving spouse and next of kin neglect for thirty days after his death to apply for administration, the same may be granted to the consul or other representative of the country of which the decedent was a native, residing in this state, who has filed a copy of his appointment with the secretary of state, or to such person as he may select, if suitable and competent to discharge the trust. But the court in any case arising under this subdivision shall have the discretion to appoint one or more creditors, or other person interested, or to appoint any suitable or competent person interested in the estate by purchase or otherwise.*

3. If the person so appointed neglects for thirty days, after written notice of such appointment, under the seal of the probate court, served personally or by mail, to file the oath and bond required by law and the court, such neglect shall be deemed a refusal to serve, and the court may appoint such other person or persons as are next entitled to administer such estate. Such person may be appointed without notice.

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

Approved April 20, 1917.

CHAPTER 514—H. F. No. 1060.

An act to amend Section 3347 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1913 relating to fire department relief association.

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

Section 1. Service pensions may be granted to retired firemen not to exceed \$60.00 per month as maximum.—That section 3347 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1913 be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows: