

"Section 17. Whenever the judge of probate is unable to act from any cause or reason upon any petition concerning an alleged defective the court commissioner shall perform all his duties in such case and the authority herein granted to the judge of probate shall be exercised by the said court commissioner."

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

Approved April 13, 1921.

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#### CHAPTER 270—S. F. No. 1023.

*An act entitled "An act fixing the salary of county attorneys and providing for the employment of stenographic help by such county attorneys and for the compensation thereof, in counties having an area of more than 2,500 square miles and a population of more than 23,000 inhabitants according to the last preceding state or federal census and containing no city or village having a population of more than 3,000 inhabitants according to such census."*

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

Section 1. **Salary of county attorney in certain counties.**—Salary of County Attorneys in Particular Counties: In each county of this state now or hereafter having an area of more than twenty-five hundred (2,500) square miles and a population of more than twenty-three thousand (23,000) inhabitants, according to the last preceding state or federal census, and containing no city or village having a population of more than three thousand (3,000) inhabitants, according to such census, the County Attorney shall receive an annual salary of \$3,000; provided, however, that in such county the Board of County Commissioners by resolution duly entered in the minutes at any regular or special meeting of such Board, may increase the salary of such County Attorney for any year to an amount not exceeding the sum of \$4,000 per year. Such salary shall be paid in equal monthly installments out of the county treasury upon the warrant of the county auditor, in the same manner as other county officers are paid.

Sec. 2. **Stenographic help—Salaries.**—Stenographic help not to exceed \$1,200 per Annum: In such counties the County Attorney may employ stenographic help to be paid by the county, not to exceed \$1,200 per annum, which shall be paid in monthly installments out of the county treasury upon a warrant of the county auditor in favor of the person entitled thereto and upon order of the county attorney accompanied by his certificate that the service has been rendered. No allowance for hire of such

stenographic help shall be made or received in any case except for services actually rendered.

Sec. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of March, 1921.

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CHAPTER 271—S. F. No. 828.

*An act to provide relief for certain school districts wherein at least thirty per cent in value of the property is exempt from local taxation.*

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

**Section 1. Certain school districts to receive special state aid.**

—Whenever the properties of any school district in this state is made up, to the extent of at least thirty per cent, in value, of property which is exempt from local taxation because taxes thereon are paid into the State Treasury under the provisions of the gross earnings tax law, then such district shall be entitled to receive from the State Treasury, in addition to all other state aid, not to exceed such an amount annually as would be produced by computing a tax of one third of the current local rate for school purposes upon the valuation of the property in such district so exempt from local taxation, provided, however, that in all such districts where the valuation of property so exempt from local taxation is four million dollars (\$4,000,000) or more, then the amount which such district shall receive under the provisions of this act shall be ascertained by computing a tax at one sixth of the current local rate instead of one third as in other cases.

Provided, that the amount which any school district may receive under this act shall not exceed such a sum as added to all other sources of income will produce for each pupil, for maintenance alone, an average of \$100.00.

And provided further that no district shall be entitled to aid under this act unless it has a current local school tax levy, for maintenance alone, of at least 35 mills and maintains succeeding levies of at least 40 mills for the same purpose.

**Sec. 2. School district to make application in writing—Contents.**—Any school district desiring to take advantage of the provisions of this act shall apply in writing therefor to the State Board of Education and such application shall contain among others the following facts:

(a) The valuation of property in said district not subject to local taxation because the same is subject to taxation under the gross earnings law. Railroad valuations shall cover all railroad