

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

Section 1. **Salaries of officers not to be reduced.**—The salary, compensation or allowances of county officers, including judges of probate, their deputies and assistants, as now or hereafter provided by law, shall not be reduced or diminished by reason of reduction in the assessed valuation of property in any county due to the omission of motor vehicles from the tax rolls thereof, under any law or laws enacted or hereafter enacted pursuant to the provisions of article 16 of the constitution of the state of Minnesota.

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

Approved April 18, 1921.

CHAPTER 362—H. F. No. 362.

An act to amend the laws relating to the municipal court of the city of St. Paul.

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

Section 1. **Municipal court, city of St. Paul.**—That section 1 of chapter 351, Special Laws 1889,, confirming and continuing the municipal court of the City of St. Paul, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Section 1. The municipal court now existing in the city of Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey and state of Minnesota is hereby confirmed, continued and established as a court for the transaction of all judicial 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 (\$500.00) and interest and costs, except as hereinafter provided.

The jurisdiction of the court shall not extend to any civil action involving the title to real estate, save and exact an action brought under and pursuant to chapter 76, General Statutes 1913, relating to forcible entry and unlawful detainer, nor to any action for divorce, nor to any action wherein the relief demanded in the complaint is equitable in its nature.

The said court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear all complaints and conduct all examinations and trials in criminal cases arising or triable within the County of Ramsey heretofore cognizable before a justice of the peace or arising under the charter ordinances, laws, regulations or by-laws of said city of St. Paul. The provision contained in section 7725, General Statutes 1913, relating to change of venue shall apply to all civil actions begun in said court.

Sec. 2. **Judges—Qualifications—Election.**—That section 4 of said chapter 351 be and the same if hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Section 4. There shall be two judges of the court, *each of whom shall be a resident of the city of St. Paul, a person learned in the law and duly admitted to practice as an attorney in the courts of this state, and before entering upon the duties of his office he shall take and subscribe an oath as prescribed by the General Statutes for judicial officers, which oath shall be filed in the office of the city clerk of the city of St. Paul. The term of office of the judges of the court shall be four years. The present judges shall continue in office during the term for which they were elected and until their respective successors are elected and qualify, and any vacancy in such office shall be filled by appointment of the governor.*

Sec. 3. Fees of reporter—Transcripts.—That section 17 of said chapter 351 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 17. When the official reporter of said court shall be required by any of the parties to an action, proceeding or examination to transcribe his record into ordinary longhand or typewriting, the parties requiring such transcript shall pay to such reporter *ten cents per folio of one hundred words for the transcript and three cents per folio of one hundred words for each copy thereof; but the court may order and direct the reporter to furnish such transcripts free of charge for the use of the court, whenever in the furtherance of justice either of them the judges thereof may deem the same necessary, and in no case shall any charge be made against the city of St. Paul for any transcript or transcripts so furnished.*

Sec. 4. Police officers to be in attendance at sessions of criminal courts—Salaries of judges, clerks and reporters.—That Section 47 and 52 of said Chapter 351, as amended by chapter 430, Laws 1913, and chapter 308, Laws 1919, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 47. It shall be the duty of the mayor, or other legally constituted officer or body having supervision and control of the police department and police officers of said city, to see that a sufficient number of police officers, including an officer in command, are always in attendance upon said court at its criminal sessions, and such other times and places as the court may direct, in readiness to obey its mandates and preserve order during its proceedings. And said mayor or other legally constituted officer or body, having supervision and control of said police department and police officers of said city, shall have the power, in his or its discretion, to appoint not exceeding three persons approved by the judges of said municipal court, as policemen for special attendance and duty in said court irrespective of the general rule or legal regulations or enactments relative to the qualifications of policemen, but such person shall receive the same, but no greater compensation, unless the common council directs greater compensation, than ordinary police, and they shall be known as bailiffs and such bailiffs and policemen attending

said court may be required to give bond to said city in such sums as the council shall direct for the faithful performance of their duties; such bond to be for the use of all persons interested, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect the powers and duties of the general police in said court. And such police officers, bailiffs and commanding officers, and all other policemen, police officers and bailiffs, shall at all times when in attendance upon said court be subject to the orders and authority and control of said court, irrespective of the authority or orders of any other official body.

The clerk of said municipal court shall have power with the consent of the judges to appoint, in addition to the deputy clerk in this act provided for, two assistant clerks, to be known as assistant clerks, who shall have like powers as said deputy clerk, but shall act under the authority of said clerk. Said clerk, deputy clerk and assistant clerks shall have full power and authority to administer oaths, swear witnesses and jurors, and take acknowledgements, and said clerk, deputy clerk, assistant clerks and bailiffs shall perform such duties as the clerk or judges shall direct in completing the work of the office, and shall have power to serve all process of said court, whether civil or criminal, when directed by the court, and all other powers and authority in this act provided for either thereof, and are hereby vested with the usual powers of constables at common law and authority and powers of police officers of the said city of St. Paul. If the judges of said court shall so direct one of said assistant clerks shall have the qualifications of a stenographer, and shall perform such duties in that regard as the judges prescribe. Such direction or qualification, however, shall not in any way affect the provisions of this act in reference to the official stenographer. Each of said assistant clerks before entering upon the performance of the duties of his office shall first take and subscribe an oath in form as prescribed in section 10 of this act, and execute to the city of St. Paul for the use and benefit of all persons injured by failure to observe its conditions a penal bond in the sum of \$1,000, with such sureties as the common council may approve, conditioned that he will account to and pay over to the clerk or deputy clerk of said court on each day all moneys belonging to or to go to said city, and that he will at all times pay over to said clerk or deputy clerk of said court on demand all moneys to which any person may be entitled which may have come into his hands in virtue or by reason of his office. Such bond shall be filed with the same officer as the bond of the clerk.

The judges of said court shall each receive a salary of \$4,300 per year; the clerk of said court a salary of \$3,000 per year; the deputy clerk of said court a salary of \$2,200 per year; one assistant clerk a salary of \$1,800 per year, and one assistant clerk a salary of \$1,600 per year; and the stenographer reporter shall receive a salary of

\$1,800 per year; such salaries being payable in each case out of the city treasury of the city of St. Paul in equal monthly installments.

Sec. 5. Inconsistent acts repealed.—The provisions contained in sections 2, 5 and 6 of said chapter 351 are repealed and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1921.

CHAPTER 363—H. F. No. 298.

An act to authorize cities of this state of over fifty thousand inhabitants to establish, construct, maintain and operate public landings, public wharfs and docks and transfer railroad tracks, and loading, unloading, transfer and storage facilities, either within or without such city; to acquire by condemnation or otherwise all lands, riparian or otherwise and other rights and easements necessary for the establishment of such docks, and to construct, maintain and operate all necessary buildings and warehouses for such purposes, to lay and collect reasonable duties or wharfage fees on vessels coming to or using said landings, wharfs or docks; to regulate the manner of using other wharfs and docks within such city and rates of wharfage to be paid by vessels using the same, to dredge or deepen the harbor or river or any branch or portion thereof, to prescribe and enforce reasonable rules and regulations for the protection and use of its said property whether within or without the city and to impose and enforce adequate penalties for the violation of such rules and regulations and to issue and sell bonds to defray the cost of acquiring the necessary lands for public landings, public wharfs and docks and the construction of the necessary buildings and improvements thereon.

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

Section 1. Cities of first class may erect docks, wharves, etc.—Any city of this state now or hereafter having a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants is hereby authorized to establish, construct, maintain and operate public landings, public wharfs and docks, and transfer railroad tracks, and loading, unloading, transfer and storage facilities, either within or without such city; to acquire by condemnation or otherwise, all lands, riparian or otherwise and other rights and easements necessary for the purposes aforesaid and to construct, maintain and operate all necessary buildings and warehouses for such purpose, to lay and collect reasonable duties or wharfage fees on vessels coming to or using said landings, wharfs or docks; to regulate the manner of using other wharfs