

of ten or more years under a claim of ownership, said District Court shall, in an action brought by said society, body, association, or congregation, make a decree vesting the title, both legal and equitable, to said real property in said society, body, association, or congregation; provided that any such society, body, or congregation which is now unincorporated shall become incorporated under the laws of this State prior to the commencement of said action.

Sec. 2. Actions.—Actions under this act shall be brought in the same manner as actions to quiet title to real property in this State, as provided in Chapter 82 of General Statutes 1923.

Sec. 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply to or affect any action now pending in any of the courts of this State.
Approved April 5, 1927.

CHAPTER 121—S. F. No. 86

An act fixing the salaries of County Attorneys, and providing for office rooms and stenographic help therefor, in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Salary of County Attorney in certain counties.—In each county of this state now or hereafter having an area of more than 2,500 square miles and a population of more than 23,000 inhabitants, according to the last preceding federal or state census, and an assessed valuation of more than \$20,000,000 and less than \$50,000,000, the county attorney shall receive an annual salary of \$3,600.00, to 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.—Said county attorney shall be provided by the county with adequate office room or rooms for the performance of his duties, and may employ stenographic help, to be paid by the county, not to exceed \$1,200 per year, payable to the person entitled thereto, in monthly installments, upon warrant of the county auditor, to be issued upon order of the county attorney, accompanied by his certificate that the service has been rendered. No allowance for stenographic help shall be made or received in any case except for services actually rendered. An appeal may be taken to the district court as in case of claims if there be excessive or inadequate provision for office rooms.

Sec. 3. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. Effective January 3, 1927.—This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first Monday in January, 1927.

Approved April 5, 1927.

CHAPTER 122—H. F. No. 1134

An act relating to separation of unplatted agricultural or horticultural lands included in the corporate limits of cities containing 10,000 inhabitants or less and from school districts contained in such cities and attaching the same to adjoining towns or townships and school district or school districts in the same county and defining the duties of County Commissioners in such cases and repealing Section 1722, General Statutes 1923.

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

Section 1. Unplatted lands to be separated from corporations in certain cases.—The owners of seventy-five per cent or more of any contiguous unplatted tracts or parcels of land containing not less than 200 acres, or the owners of any unplatted tract of land containing not less than 40 acres, included within the corporate limits of any city in this state containing 10,000 inhabitants or less and included within the limits of any special or independent school district included within the corporate limits of such cities and regardless of how said city and school district may have been organized and which said unplatted tract or tracts of land are used or occupied exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes, may petition the district court of the county in which such tract or tracts of land are situated for a decree detaching such tract or tracts of land from such city and school district. Upon the filing of such petition the court shall fix a time for the hearing thereon which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of the filing of such petition and the petitioner shall serve or cause to be served a notice of such hearing upon the mayor or city clerk of such city and upon the president or clerk of such school district, from which such land is proposed to be detached at least 20 days before the time fixed for such hearing.

Sec. 2. Court may order separation.—If upon the hearing the court shall find that such tract or tracts of land are of the nature, quality and quantity as hereinbefore set forth and that the same may be detached from such city and school district without unreasonably affecting the symmetry of the settled portions of such city, it shall grant such decree and such lands shall thereupon become detached from such city and school