

If there are several defendants, residing at different places in said county, the trial shall be at the place which the majority of such defendants unite in demanding, or if the numbers are equal, at the place nearest the residence of the majority.

Provided, that the venue of any such action may be changed from any one of said places to any other, by order of the Court, in the following cases:

1. Upon written consent of the parties.
2. When it is made to appear, on motion, that any party has been made a defendant for the purpose of preventing a change of venue as provided in this section.
3. When an impartial trial cannot be had in the place where the action is pending; or
4. When the convenience of witnesses and the ends of justice would be promoted by the change.

Application for such change under sub-divisions 2, 3, or 4, shall be made by motion which shall be returnable and heard at the place of commencement of the action."

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

Approved April 18, 1931.

CHAPTER 196—H. F. No. 344

An act to amend Section 2, Chapter 433, Laws 1929 relating to licensing of Chauffeurs.

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

Section 1. **Licensing of chauffeurs.**—That Section 2, Chapter 433, Laws 1929, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 2. The secretary of state shall establish a chauffeurs' license division in the motor vehicle department of his office for the purpose of ascertaining and determining the qualifications of applicants for chauffeurs' licenses, and shall conduct examinations of applicants for such license at such times and places as he shall designate, and shall issue licenses only to such applicants as shall be found to have a practical knowledge of the construction, mechanism and operation of motor vehicles and a sufficient knowledge of the traffic

laws of this state, and other needful qualifications, to enable him to drive with safety, and he may appoint such examiners and other employees as may be necessary in the conduct of the license division so established. *Any deputy registrar of motor vehicles may be appointed by the secretary of state to conduct chauffeurs' examinations and any deputy registrar not serving on a stated salary when so appointed shall be allowed and paid fifty cents (\$0.50) for each examinee for the first examination given to such examinee by him under such appointment to be paid by the secretary of state out of the same fund and in the same manner that salaries are paid to other employes serving in the chauffeurs' license division of the Motor Vehicle Department, such payment to be in addition to the fees allowed to such deputy as provided by law for registering motor vehicles."*

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

Approved April 18, 1931.

CHAPTER 197—H. F. No. 976

An act to legalize and validate the renewal or extension of corporate existence of township mutual fire insurance companies in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Corporate existence of township mutual fire insurance companies legalized.—The corporate existence of any township mutual fire insurance company, organized under the laws of the State, which has heretofore taken the necessary action to renew its corporate existence by adopting and filing with the Commissioner of Insurance a resolution so providing, but which resolution was adopted, and the other necessary action taken for the renewal of its corporate existence, after the time of the expiration of its corporate existence, but within six months of such expiration of its corporate existence, is hereby legalized, confirmed and made effective as if said action so taken to renew and extend its corporate existence had been regular and in conformation to law and taken previous to the date of the expiration of its corporate existence, and the extension of the corporate term of said corporation shall be and is hereby legalized and made valid as though all such proceedings had been taken and completed before the expiration of its term of duration, and all acts and transactions done and made by any such