

"8588. An action for divorce or *separate maintenance* may be brought by a wife in her own name, and all actions for divorce shall be commenced by summons and complaint in the county where the plaintiff resides, as hereinafter provided, subject to the power of the court to change the place of trial by consent of parties, or when it shall appear that an impartial trial cannot be had in the county where the action is pending, or that the convenience of witnesses and ends of justice would be promoted by the change.

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

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CHAPTER 227—S. F. No. 603

An act to authorize school districts to accept lands or interests therein within the state on account of certain claims and judgments against sureties on bonds of their depositories; to provide for the holding of said lands in lieu of said funds; for the prompt disposition of said lands, and for their exemption from taxation while so held.

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

Section 1. School boards may accept property in settlement of claims.—Whenever any school district in this state now has or asserts any claim or judgment against any sureties on the bonds of any depository of its funds for the failure of any such depository to account for or pay over any such funds, and the school board or other governing body of said district shall determine that said claim or judgment or some part thereof is not collectible in cash, then any such school board or governing body may by resolution determine to accept and receive, in complete or partial satisfaction or settlement of any such claim or judgment, lands or interests therein within this State, and may acquire the same for and in the name of such district either by deed or deeds of conveyance from the owners, or as purchaser at execution sale or sales under any such judgment.

Sec. 2. **Title to be held by district.**—Title to lands or interests so acquired shall be held by said district in lieu of its moneys not accounted for or paid over as aforesaid, and the same and each tract or portion thereof shall be sold by such district as soon as and wherever there may be realized therefrom the fair value thereof as determined by such school board of governing body. Any such sale may be authorized by resolution of such school board of governing body, and may be made for cash, or for part cash and the deferred balance secured by contract for deed or purchase money mortgage, on such terms as said board of governing body may approve. Conveyances, contracts or other instruments evidencing any such sale shall be executed by the president or other presiding officer and the clerk or secretary of said board or governing body. Lands so acquired and held for resale as aforesaid shall be deemed public lands used for exclusively public purposes, and as such shall be exempt from taxation.

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CHAPTER 228—S. F. No. 612

An act providing for compensation for aged and retired justices of the supreme court and judges of the district court in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **Retirement pay for judges.**—Every person who served in the military or naval forces of the United States in the Spanish-American War for 90 or more days, and who has heretofore served or shall hereafter serve as a justice of the supreme court or as a judge of the district court of the state for 18 years or more, and who had or shall have attained the age of 78 years at the time of his retirement as such justice or judge, shall receive one hundred dollars per month, for the remainder of his life, to be paid at the time and in the manner provided by law, for the payment of salaries of judges of the district court.

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