

## CHAPTER 332—S. F. No. 757

*An act relating to state owned lands and authorizing transfer of lands contained in Lake Bemidji State Park.*

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

**Section 1. Release by state of lands to United States.** The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized to withdraw from the Lake Bemidji State Park acquired pursuant to Laws 1923, Chapter 444, Section 15; and to convey to the United States at such time as he is advised by the appropriate agency of the United States that approval has been granted for the construction of a veterans' hospital upon or adjacent thereto, such title as the state may have to the following described lands lying and being in the County of Beltrami :

East one-half (E $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) (Lot #3), Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) (Lot #2), Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) (Lot #1), all in Section 23, Township 147 North, Range 33 West.

Such conveyance shall be conditioned upon the continued use of said lands in connection with the maintenance and operation of the veterans' hospital to be constructed.

**Sec. 2. Removal of buildings.** The conveyance authorized in Section 1 hereof shall not be executed until such time as the board of county commissioners of Beltrami County, by formal resolution, has approved the cost of dismantling, moving to and reconstructing in another state park area, to be designated by the commissioner of conservation, all buildings and improvements contained upon the lands to be conveyed, and said board of county commissioners is hereby authorized to appropriate and expend the funds necessary to carry out the purposes hereof from the general revenue fund of the county.

Approved April 16, 1945.

## CHAPTER 333—S. F. No. 881

*An act relating to compensation of the register of deeds in certain counties.*

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

**Section 1. Register of deeds; compensation.** Subdivision 1. Where these aggregate less than \$2,400. In all counties of

this state, containing more than 50 and less than 150 full or fractional congressional townships, where the total amount of fees received by the register of deeds from all sources during any calendar year shall be less than \$2,400, the county shall pay the difference between the total amount of such fees and the sum of \$2,400. All fees in excess of \$2,400 collected by the register of deeds shall be retained by him.

Subd. 2. **Less than \$2,000.** In any such counties with a population of less than 6,500 inhabitants, where the total amount of fees received by the register of deeds from all sources during any calendar year shall be less than \$2,000, the county shall pay the difference between the total amount of such fees and the sum of \$2,000. All fees in excess of \$2,000 collected by such register of deeds shall be retained by him.

**Sec. 2. Verified statement of fees collected.** The register of deeds shall keep accurate accounts of all services rendered by his office and shall charge the full amount of fees authorized by law to be charged for such services; and if during any calendar year, including the year 1945, the amount of such fees shall be less than \$2,400 or \$2,000 as provided by Sec. 1; Subd. 2, he shall file a written statement, verified by his oath, with the county auditor setting forth therein the exact amount of fees received during such year. Upon the filing of such statement, the county auditor shall draw his warrant, upon the county revenue fund, in favor of the register of deeds for the amount herein authorized.

**Sec. 3. Option; acceptance.** If the register of deeds would rather accept an annual salary of \$2,400, or \$2,000 as provided in Sec. 1, Subd. 2, in lieu of all fees, he shall have the right to do so. If he elects to accept the salary in lieu of all fees, he shall file a certificate to that effect with the county auditor before February 1, otherwise it shall be presumed that he has elected to accept his fees. Upon the filing of the certificate, the county auditor shall have the authority to pay the salary herein provided in 12 equal monthly installments. Thereafter the register of deeds shall keep accurate accounts of all services rendered by his office, shall collect fees in the full amount authorized by law for such services, shall be responsible for the collection of such fees and shall on the first Monday of each month transmit to the county auditor all fees collected during the preceding month together with a statement showing the nature of the fees, from whom collected and the amount for each service. Such fees shall be deposited in the county treasury by the county auditor and shall be credited to the county revenue fund. For the year

1945 the register of deeds shall file his certificate within 30 days after the effective date of this act and thereafter his monthly salary shall be paid in the same proportion of the annual salary as if the certificate had been filed prior to February 1.

**Sec. 4. County board may modify amount; limitation.** In any county where the register of deeds is now receiving a higher salary, under the provisions of any law heretofore enacted, than the amount provided under the provisions of this act, the county board may, in its discretion, increase the salary of such register of deeds in any amount which will bring his salary up to the amount at the time of the effective date of this act, and if circumstances or economic conditions should hereafter exist in any county of sufficient importance to convince the county board that the salary of the register of deeds should be increased or decreased it may by resolution increase or decrease such salary in any amount it may consider proper, but such increase or decrease shall in no case be more than 10 per cent of the amount granted such register of deeds under the provisions of Sec. 1 of this act. Whenever the county board increases or decreases the salary of the register of deeds, it shall also have authority to revoke or terminate such increase or decrease whenever it is convinced that such increase or decrease is no longer necessary or justifiable.

**Sec. 5. Effective date.** The provisions of this act shall take effect as of January 1, 1945.

Approved April 16, 1945.

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#### CHAPTER 334—S. F. No. 960

*An act relating to the salary of the judge of municipal court of the city of Winona; amending special Laws 1885, Chapter 115, Section 21, as amended.*

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

Section 1. Special Laws 1885, Chapter 115, Section 21, as amended by Special Laws 1887, Chapter 50, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1917, Chapter 70, Section 2, as amended by Laws 1925, Chapter 46, Section 1, is amended to read as follows: