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fence, stump, pole, mile-board, mile-stone, danger-sign, danger-signal, guide sign, guide-post, billboard, building, or other object within the limits of a public highway shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Provided, however, for the comfort and convenience of persons waiting for streetcars and buses, that nothing shall be deemed to apply to any advertisements placed upon any benches upon any portion of the highway not prepared and maintained for vehicular traffic at any streetcar or bus stop within the corporate limits of any city or village, the installation and maintenance of which is duly licensed or expressly permitted by such city or village. None of the provisions of Chapters 160 to 164 shall prohibit the placing of public notices on billboards erected for that purpose by authority of the governing body of a municipality. Any advertisement in or upon a public highway in violation of the provisions of this subdivision may be taken down, removed, or destroyed by direction or authority of the commissioner of highways, in the case of state trunk highways, by the county board, in the case of county and state aid roads, or by the town board, in the case of town roads.

Approved April 21, 1949.

CHAPTER 567—S. F. No. 1356 [Not Coded]

An act relating to the appointment, tenure of office, and salary of stenographic reporters of the municipal court of the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota; amending Laws 1909, Chapter 225, as amended; and repealing Laws 1947, Chapter 442.

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

Section 1. Laws 1909, Chapter 225, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1913, Chapter 517, Section 1, by Laws 1919, Chapter 331, Section 1, by Laws 1929, Chapter 128, Section 1, by Laws 1941, Chapter 30, Section 1, and by Laws 1943, Chapter 461, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. Compensation of stenographic reporters of municipal court of city of Minneapolis. Each judge of the

municipal court of the City of Minneapolis may appoint a stenographic reporter, who shall be well skilled in his profession and competent to discharge the duties required. This stenographic reporter shall be a sworn officer of the court, and hold his office during the pleasure of the judge appointing him, notwithstanding any existing or subsequent act of the Legislature, or any rule or regulation heretofore or hereafter made by any board or commission of said City, establishing and fixing a compulsory age of retirement of employees of said City, unless and except only so far as expressly provided in a subsequent act that the provisions of this act shall not be applicable, or shall be superseded, modified, amended or repealed.

The salary of said reporter shall be \$4,500 per annum, payable in *semimonthly* installments by the city treasurer of the city of Minneapolis, from any funds in the city treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Such reporters upon the request of the party to an action for forcible entry or unlawful detainer, or his attorney, shall take notes of the evidence in such action without charge to such party.

Sec. 2. Repealer. Laws 1947, Chapter 442, is hereby repealed.

Approved April 21, 1949.

CHAPTER 568—S. F. No. 1404

An act relating to law libraries in certain counties; requiring the clerks of municipal and probate courts therein to collect certain fees from litigants for the use of the library in the maintenance, and operation thereof and acquisition of facilities thereof unnder certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 140.05; 140.06 and 140.18. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 140.05 is amended to read: