

office space and other facilities of the department of highways, by purchase, gift, lease, or by condemnation as provided by law, the fee simple absolute title to the following described real estate in the City of Saint Paul, County of Ramsey, Minnesota:

Lots 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and west 20 feet of Lot 21, Block 32, Syndicate No. 5 Addition, according to the map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for Ramsey County, together with the building now located thereon.

Sec. 2. Eminent domain; possession. If proceedings are brought to acquire said property as described in Section 1 herein by eminent domain, the commissioner of highways may at any time after the filing of the petition take possession of such property.

Sec. 3. Cost to be paid from trunk highway fund. The cost of carrying out the terms of this act shall be paid from the trunk highway fund and so much thereof as is necessary therefor is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Approved April 25, 1949.

CHAPTER 686—H. F. No. 1249

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the salary of the clerk of district court in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Salaries of clerk of district court in certain counties. In all counties of this state containing not less than 14 nor more than 16 full or fractional townships, with a population of not less than 8,500 nor more than 10,500 inhabitants according to the Federal census for 1940, the minimum annual salary or compensation of the clerk of the district court shall be the sum of \$2,200 annually, regardless of any change in population or any other factor or on which such salary or compensation may have been based.

Sec. 2. **Compensation as provided by law.** Except for the minimum amount as herein provided, salary or compensation of the clerk of district court shall be as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 3. **Effective term.** The salary as established by this act shall be in effect for a period of two years from May 1, 1949.

Approved April 25, 1949.

CHAPTER 687—H. F. No. 1318

An act relating to preference for veterans in public appointments; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 197.45, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 197.45, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

197.45. Preference to war veterans in public appointments. Subdivision 1. **Who are veterans.** The word "veteran" as used in this section and Section 197.46 means any man or woman honorably discharged from the army, navy, marine corps, or Women's Auxiliary Army Corps of the United States in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, China Relief Expedition, or any armed expedition for which Congress has awarded a campaign badge or medal, World War wherein the United States of America and the allied nations of England, France, and others were engaged in war against the Imperial German Government and its allies, and the war between the United States of America and its allies, and Germany, Japan, Italy and their allies, who is a citizen of the United States, and has been a resident of the state of Minnesota and of the county, city, town, village, school district, or political subdivision thereof to which application is made for five years immediately preceding his application, or who enlisted from the state of Minnesota, *and persons who served in the active military or naval service of any government allied with the United States in World War I or World War II, and have been honorably discharged therefrom,*