

property has been so acquired or so held by such alien or corporation; and no title to land shall be invalid or liable to forfeiture by reason of the alienage of any former owner or person interested therein.

Approved April 13, 1945.

CHAPTER 281—S. F. No. 454

An act relating to salaries of county auditors in certain counties.

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

Section 1. **Auditors in counties having less than 50,000 inhabitants.** The county auditors in all counties of the state with a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants, according to the last Federal census, shall receive as compensation for services rendered by them for their respective counties, annual salaries, based on the population according to the then last preceding Federal census, the taxable valuation of real and personal property, exclusive of money and credits, as reported in the abstract of tax lists for the preceding year, and the number of full or fractional congressional townships, as follows :

Subdivision (a) In counties with a population of less than 6,500 inhabitants \$2,000 and \$200 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$2,400.

Subd. (b) In counties with a population of 6,500 but less than 12,000 inhabitants \$2,100 and \$150 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$2,750.

Subd. (c) In counties with a population of 12,000 but less than 16,000 inhabitants \$2,300 and \$100 for each \$1,000,000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$2,850.

Subd. (d) In counties with a population of 16,000 but less than 21,000 inhabitants \$2,500 and \$75 for each \$1,000,-

000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$3,000.

Subd. (e) In counties with a population of 21,000 but less than 30,000 inhabitants \$2,700 and \$50 for each \$1,000,-000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$3,150.

Subd. (f) In counties with a population of 30,000 but less than 40,000 inhabitants \$2,900 and \$50 for each \$1,000,-000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$3,250.

Subd. (g) In counties with a population of 40,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants \$3,100 and \$50 for each \$1,000,-000 taxable valuation or major fraction thereof, and \$5.00 for each full or fractional congressional township, with the aggregate not to exceed \$3,500.

Subd. (h) The maximum to be allowed on the basis of area under the provisions of the foregoing classifications shall not exceed \$100.

Sec. 2. Duties of county board in certain instances. In any county where the county auditor 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 county auditor in an amount which will bring his salary up to the amount received at the time of the passage 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 county auditor should be increased or decreased, it may, by resolution, increase or decrease such salary in an amount it may consider proper, but such increase or decrease shall in no case be more than 15 per cent of the amount granted such auditor under the provisions of Section 1 of this act. Whenever the county board increases or decreases the salary of a county auditor, 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. 3. Limitation under Chapter 597. No county auditor shall hereafter be entitled to additional compensation under the provisions of Laws of 1943, Chapter 597.

Sec. 4. **Severable.** If any part, section or provision of this act shall be found to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not invalidate the remainder of the act.

Sec. 5. **Repeal.** Except as otherwise herein provided, all existing acts or parts of acts, which relate to salaries of county auditors, in all counties of the state having a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants according to the last Federal census are hereby repealed in so far as they are inconsistent with this act.

Sec. 6. **Fees in addition to salary.** Nothing in this act shall limit the right of any county auditor to collect and retain any fees, per diem payment, or other payment which he is now authorized by any other provision of law to collect and retain in addition to the stated amount of his annual salary.

Sec. 7. **Validation.** The salary heretofore paid any county auditor, under the provisions of any existing law which may be found unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, is hereby legalized and made valid.

Sec. 8. **Effective date.** This act shall take effect from and after May 1, 1945.

Approved April 14, 1945.

CHAPTER 282—S. F. No. 663

An act relating to exceptions to rulings, orders, decisions, or instructions of a court; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 547.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 547.03, is amended to read as follows :

547.03. **Exceptions to ruling, order, decision or instruction of court.** *Subdivision 1.* A party may except orally at the trial to any ruling, order, decision, or instruction of the court on a matter of law. No particular form of exception is required. A minute of the exception shall be made by the judge or stenographer, and the same may be preserved either in a