

of such party to produce the same; and the record of such deed, instrument or other writing has been destroyed by fire or otherwise, it shall be lawful for the court to receive as evidence in such action or proceeding, any abstract of title to such lands made in the ordinary course of business before such loss or destruction. And it shall also be lawful for the court to receive as evidence any copy, extract or minutes from such destroyed records or from the original thereof, which were at the date of such destruction or loss, in the possession of any person then engaged in the business of making abstracts of title for others for hire.

SEC. 2. A sworn copy of any writing admissible under section 1 of this act, made by the person having possession of such writing, shall be admissible in like manner and with like effect as such writing, *provided* that the party desiring to use such sworn copy as evidence shall have given the opposite party a reasonable opportunity to verify the correctness of such copy.

Copy of
writing.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 15, 1905.

CHAPTER 194.

H. F. No. 437.

An act to amend section twenty-four (24) of chapter three hundred and sixty-five (365) of the Laws of 1903, being "An act fixing and regulating the salaries, compensation, duties and help of county officers in counties having or which may hereafter have a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) inhabitants or over."

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

SECTION 1. That section twenty-four (24) of chapter three hundred and sixty-five (365) of the Laws of 1903, be amended so as to read as follows:

Regulating
salaries of
Co. officers
in certain
cases.

Section 24. That all the provisions of this act, except said sections one, five, fifteen and that portion of sections three and eight described in section twenty-three, shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of January, 1904, except that the provisions of section three of this act, relative to the employing by the sheriff of one outside deputy and one stenographer and deputy shall take effect and be in force from and after the

passage of this act. In determining at any time to what counties this act shall apply reference shall only be had to the United States census last taken.

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

Approved April 15, 1905.

H. F. No. 446.

CHAPTER 195.

An act to amend section two (2) of chapter two hundred and eighty-seven (287) of the Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), as amended by chapter two hundred eleven (211) of the Laws of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine (1899), the same being an act entitled "An act to provide for a county road and bridge fund."

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

Providing
for road and
bridge fund.

SECTION 1. That section two (2) of chapter two hundred and eighty-seven (287) of the Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), as amended by chapter two hundred eleven (211) of the Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine (1899), be and the same is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section, as amended, the following:

Applicable
to certain
counties.

Provided, further, that in counties in which the taxable valuation is more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) and less than fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) and in which the road and bridge fund has been exhausted, and it has become necessary to issue warrants for money to meet necessary expenses to carry out the provisions of this law, the county commissioners may, at their annual meeting in July, nineteen hundred and five (1905), nineteen hundred and six (1906) and nineteen hundred seven (1907) levy an additional tax of not exceeding one-half mill on the dollar for said fund.

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

Approved April 15, 1905.