

in general to perform such duties in the administration of the business of said court, whether or not herein specifically enumerated, as the judge may direct.

"Such judge may fix the compensation of such deputy at a sum not exceeding \$125.00 per month, which sum shall be paid monthly by the board of county commissioners on the certificate of such judge of the clerk of the court that such services have been rendered. When not engaged in the duties pertaining to such juvenile court such deputy shall do such work in the clerk's office as the clerk may direct. When such deputy clerk is absent the clerk, or another deputy, may perform such duties. The judge may from time to time change the designation of such deputy clerk, at his discretion, and may change the compensation, but shall not increase it to an amount exceeding the maximum sum hereinbefore given."

Sec. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this section are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 395—H. F. No. 938.

An Act to amend section 2895 of the Revised Laws, 1905, relating to the purchase, lease or control of one railroad by another.

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

Right to lease or purchase.—Section 1. Section 2895 of the Revised Laws, 1905, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2895. Any domestic or foreign railroad corporation may lease, purchase, or in any other way become the owner of, or may control or hold the stock of any other railroad company, whenever their respective roads can be lawfully connected and operated together, so as to constitute one continuous line, with or without branches. Whenever such lease or purchase shall be made by a foreign corporation it shall not be effectual for any purpose until such corporation shall have first complied with all the laws of this state pertaining to such corporation, when it shall have the same

rights, powers, privileges, and be subject to the same duties, obligations and liabilities in respect to the railroad so leased or purchased, as pertained to such road. The corporation so leasing or purchasing shall be subject to any law of this state now in force or hereafter enacted relating to the taxation of the properties so leased or purchased. But no railroad corporation shall consolidate with, lease or purchase, or in any way become the owner or have the control of any other railroad corporation, or any of the stock or franchises thereof, which owns or controls a railroad parallel to and competing with the railroad owned or controlled by such leasing or purchasing corporation; nor shall any railroad corporation purchase or in any way become the owner of any property owned and operated by any other railroad corporation as a part of a railroad which is parallel and competing to and with the railroad of such purchasing company; and the question whether any of such railroads are parallel or competing lines shall, at the election of the party complaining, be decided by a jury as in civil cases. Any railroad corporation which shall consolidate with, lease or purchase, or in any other way become the owner or acquire the control of any other railroad corporation, or any of the stock or franchises thereof, which owns or controls a railroad parallel and competing with the railroad owned or controlled by such leasing or purchasing railroad corporation, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand nor more than twenty thousand dollars; and any officer of such leasing or purchasing company who shall aid, abet or participate in any violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

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