

reasons for reducing sheriff's fees in the more populous counties, I can see no good reason for a special law allowing the sheriff of Scott county to charge and collect greater fees than sheriffs of other counties are allowed for like duties.

If the sheriff of Scott county is justly entitled to the benefits which this bill would confer the relief should come in the form of an amendment to the general law so that all the sheriffs of the State could enjoy its benefits.

Under this bill, if it became a law, the sheriff of Scott county could charge and collect large fees from his county for "trying to serve" tax delinquents that ordinary inquiry would clearly show were non-residents and could not be served. The policy of the legislation sought by this bill is always questionable, and in this case I doubt if it is justified by sound and just reasons. It is within the power of the county commissioners to allow the sheriff for the service specified in this bill such compensation as he would be entitled to for similar services performed by him for private parties.

Very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 A. R. MCGILL,
 Governor.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, }
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
 ST. PAUL, MARCH 3, 1887, }

Hon. A. E. Rice, President of the Senate:

Sir:—I return herewith without my approval.

S. F. No. 631 entitled "An act to authorize the Owatonna Improvement Company to condemn lands to construct reservoirs in the county of Steele for milling, manufacturing, and water supply purposes."

The reason of my non-approval is that the bill is unconstitutional. It clearly violates subdivision ten of section thirty-three of Article four of the constitution.

Very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 A. R. MCGILL,
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STATE OF MINNESOTA, }
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 ST. PAUL, MARCH 3, 1887, }

Hon. A. E. Rice, President of the Senate:

Sir:—I return herewith without my approval:

S. F. No. 344 entitled "An act to authorize the retaining of water in a certain lake in Otter Tail county, Minnesota, for milling purposes."

The bill is in direct conflict with subdivision ten of section thirty-three of Article four of the Constitution which expressly prohibits the legislature from "granting to any individual, association or corporation, except municipal, any special or exclusive privileges, immunity or franchise whatever."

Very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 A. R. MCGILL,
 Governor.