[Chap.

is such attorney may be affected by any results or consequences of such hearing. He shall examine each draft of the service of any notice given under the provisions of this act, and shall file a written opinion with the board prior to the time of such hearing as to whether or not the notices of such hearing have each and all been legally served.

Copies of plan and estimate to be attached to petition.-Sec. Copies of the general plan and detailed estimate of the cost 6. of any proposed state rural highway shall be appended to the petition for such highway before the same shall be signed, and copies of the same shall, before the circulation of such petition, be filed with the auditor of each county in which any part of such proposed highway will be. A copy of such plan and estimated cost shall be furnished to the state highway commission before the petition therefor shall be signed. In each notice of a hearing upon such petition there shall appear in capital letters the following notice: "The general plan and estimated cost of the proposed state rural highway are on file in and may be examined at the office of the county auditor." But such plans and estimates shall not be published or posted as a part of the petition, nor need they be served upon any interested party.

State may contribute.—Sec. 7. The state, in addition to the amount hereinbefore provided to be paid by it, or any county, town, or municipal corporation in which said road is in whole, or in part located, or any interested person, may contribute to the establishment, construction or improvement of such road, and may do so by bearing a part of the burden thereof that would otherwise be laid upon any county, or town, or person. The amount of such contribution shall be deducted at the time it is given from the obligation of the county, town or person aided.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 18, 1911.

## CHAPTER 255-S. F. No. 354.

An Act to amend sub-division 9 of section 434 of Revised Laws 1905, and to authorize counties to condemn lands for the purpose of holding thereon agricultural fairs and exhibitions.

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

Counties may condemn lands for agricultural fairs and exhibitions.—Section 1. That subdivision 9 of section 434 of Revised Laws 1905, be amended so as to read as follows: 9. When authorized by a vote of the people, to purchase or condemn land, for the purpose of holding thereon agricultural fairs and exhibitions; to accept and receive a donation or donations to be used to obtain lands for the purpose of holding thereon agricultural fairs and exhibitions and in such case and for such purpose, without being authorized by a vote of the people, to purchase or condemn lands not exceeding in value the amount of such donation or donations; to improve and erect structures thereon, for which purposes they may receive donations of money, materials or labor; and to lease such land from time to time to agricultural and other societies of similar nature and to establish reasonable rules and regulations under which such land may be used by all such societies in the county; provided, that all structures and improvements made on such land by societies using the same shall belong to the county.

All proceedings for the condemnation of such lands shall be had under the provisions of chapter 41 Revised Laws 1905 and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

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

Approved April 18, 1911.

CHAPTER 256-S. F. No. 416.

An Act to amend sections 311 and 312 of the Revised Laws of 1905, relating to the care and custody of ballots after completion of the canvass of the votes at any election.

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

Ballots to be placed in sealed envelopes after canvassing.— Section 1. That section 311 of the Revised Laws of 1905 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 311. Disposal of ballots after canvass. As soon as practicable after the canvass has been completed before the board separates or adjourns and in the presence of all the judges, the ballots shall be removed from the boxes and placed in envelopes of the same color as the ballots and of a size to hold the ballots of each box without folding. Envelopes suitable for this purpose shall be furnished by the county auditor to each election precinct. After the ballots are in place, the envelopes shall be carefully sealed and each election judge shall write his name upon the envelope over the sealed part in such a way that the