

Provided that any such county auditor shall have authority to command and employ, without additional compensation to that of such deputy or other employees usual compensation and when and as often and to such extent as said county auditor may deem proper, the services of any deputy or other employee in said county auditor's office for any work in said office, whether or not such work be the usual work of such deputy or other employee, or be partly or wholly the usual or proper function of some other deputy or employee.

And provided further, that any such county auditor may during any year, at his discretion and as often and for as long as he sees fit, reduce the number of said four general clerks and that the salary amounts which may be saved, together with whatever has been saved during such year through necessary vacancies, among other deputies, clerks and assistants of said county auditor's office, and to any extent needful in said county auditor's judgment, be used in same year by him in hiring extra clerks at the same rate of pay, respectively, as each of said general clerks, for any of the regular work of his office when the same is greater or more hurried than in common throughout the year.

Approved April 14, 1937.

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#### CHAPTER 211—H. F. No. 394

*An act amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4704, relating to the reporting of accidents, wrecks, and casualties to the railroad and warehouse commission by railroad companies.*

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

Section 1. **Reports of railroad accidents not to be used as evidence.**—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 4704, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

"4704. It shall be the duty of every railroad company operating a line of railroad in this state to report all accidents, wrecks or casualties occurring in this state to the railroad and warehouse commission. This is intended to include all accidents, wrecks or casualties occurring in the operation of trains or engines on said line or lines of railway within this state, and all other accidents or casualties of whatever nature as may be required under rules adopted by the commission. Any reports to the commission herein required shall be for public inspection. All accidents or wrecks occurring in the operation of trains or engines involving loss of life or personal injury, shall be immediately reported to the commission by telegraph or telephone

message, and the company shall forthwith send a written report in detail giving full particulars available in such form as the commission may require. All other accidents, including accidents resulting in personal injury or death, other than train accidents, shall be reported to the commission on the first day of each month, covering the preceding month. *Provided that neither the reports required under this section nor any part thereof, shall be admitted as evidence or used for any purpose in any suit or action for damages growing out of any matter mentioned in said reports.*"

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CHAPTER 212—H. F. No. 652

*An act authorizing the county boards of any county in the state, having an assessed valuation of more than \$250,000,000 and an area of more than 5000 square miles, to levy a tax for the relief of the county agricultural societies.*

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

**Section 1. Certain counties may appropriate money for agricultural societies.**—In any county in this state in which the assessed valuation of property, exclusive of money and credits, is more than \$250,000,000 and an area of more than 5,000 square miles, the county board of commissioners from such county may, by unanimous vote, in addition to appropriations otherwise provided by law, be authorized to levy and appropriate an amount not exceeding \$15,000.00, to be paid to any agricultural society in such county that has heretofore incurred any indebtedness which it is unable to pay from its current receipts.

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

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CHAPTER 213—S. F. No. 738

*An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 7774-4; Section 7774-7 as amended by Laws 1933, Chapter 346, Section 2; Sections 7774-9, and 7774-11; Section 7774-17 as amended by Laws 1933, Chapter 346, Section 3; Section 7774-18; Section 7774-20 as amended by Laws 1933, Chapter 346, Section 4; and Section 7774-21; relating to the operation and supervision of cooperative savings and credit associations, termed credit unions.*