

CHAPTER 188—H. F. No. 1047

An act relating to county road and bridge tax levy; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 162.01, Subdivision 5, as amended, and Laws 1947, Chapter 434, Section 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 162.01, Subdivision 5, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 434, Section 1, is amended to read :

162.01. Powers of county board.

Subd. 5. Tax levy. The county board at its July meeting may include in its annual levy an amount for the county road and bridge fund which shall not exceed the amount provided under the following classifications of counties; (a) In counties with a population of more than 100,000 inhabitants according to the 1940 federal census, an amount which shall not exceed *ten* mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the county; (b) In counties not within the foregoing class, with a population of less than 100,000 inhabitants and a taxable valuation of \$8,000,000 or more, an amount which shall not exceed 15 mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the county; (c) In counties with a taxable valuation of less than \$8,000,000, an amount which shall not exceed 20 mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the county. *If any county, coming within this classification, had a net indebtedness in excess of three per cent of its taxable valuation on January 1 of the year in which such levy is to be made, then the maximum levy for such county for said year shall be 15 mills, unless such county has sufficient money in its tax forfeited land and timber fund to make a levy for the payment of bonds unnecessary for that year then such road and bridge levy may be 20 mills.* Such taxes may be additional to the amount permitted by law to be levied for other county purposes.

Sec. 2. Laws 1947, Chapter 434, Section 2, is amended to read :

Subd. 6. Effective only for years 1949 and 1950. All levies for road and bridge purposes in excess of *ten* mills for any county, as provided in Section 1 of this act, shall be effective only for the years 1949 and 1950, and thereafter the maximum amount to be levied by any county for road and bridge

purposes shall be *ten* mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the county.

Approved March 25, 1949.

CHAPTER 189—S. F. No. 690

An act relating to powers and duties of the commissioner of administration with regard to competitive bidding, contracts and purchases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 16.07, Subdivisions 2 and 3; and Section 16.10.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 16.07, subdivisions 2 and 3, are amended to read as follows :

1607. Competitive bids. Subd. 2. **Publication of notice for bids.** If the amount of the expenditure or sale is estimated to exceed \$1,000.00, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice inserted once each week for two successive weeks in a newspaper or trade journal of general circulation in the territory from which bids are likely to be received before the final date of submitting bids. The commissioner shall designate the newspaper or trade journal for such publication, and may designate different newspapers or journals according to the nature of the purchase or contract. The commissioner shall also solicit sealed bids by sending notices by mail to all prospective bidders known to him, and by posting notice on a public bulletin board in his office at least five days before the final date of submitting bids. All bids shall be sealed when received, shall be opened in public at the hour stated in the notice, and all original bids together with all documents pertaining to the award of a contract shall be retained and made a part of a permanent file or record, and shall be open to public inspection. This subdivision shall not apply to the purchase of fibre used in the manufacture of binder twine, ply twines, and rope at the state penal institutions, which shall be purchased in accordance with such regulations as the commissioner may prescribe, requiring competitive bids as far as practicable.

Subd. 3. **Post all notices.** All purchases or sales estimated to exceed in amount \$300.00 but not to exceed \$1,000.00, shall be made after receipt of sealed bids following at least