S. F. No. 610.

CHAPTER 126.

Bonds and recognizances of public officers.

95 C 128 101-M ~ 296 An act to amend chapter forty-two of the general laws of 1893, entitled An act relative to recognizances, stipulations, bonds, obligations and undertakings, and to allow corporations to be accepted as surety thereon, and to limit the time for the commencement of actions on the bond, recognizance, or obligation of a public officer, and to provide for an examination of such officer's accounts.

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

SECTION 1. That chapter 42 of the general laws of 1893 be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

Limitation of action.

Sec. 6. That from and after the passage of this act, no action shall be maintained against the surety or sureties on a bond, recognizance, obligation, stipulation or undertaking given by a public officer of the state, county, town, school district, city, village or municipality, unless such action is recommended within four years from the date of filing of a new bond, or the expiration of his term of office, or his resignation or death during such term of office.

Examination of accounts of public officers.

Sec. 7. That upon the happening of any of the events set forth in the foregoing section of this act, it shall be the immediate duty of the governor of the state, head of any department, board of audit, public examiner, commission, commissioners, supervisor, trustee, committee, court, judge, municipality or other authorities of the state, county, town, school district or municipality and any and all boards, courts, judges and municipalities now or hereafter required or permitted to accept or approve of the sufficiency of any such bonds, recognizance, stipulations or undertakings, having jurisdiction or being authorized or required to examine the accounts of such officers to make or cause to be made a complete and thorough examination of the accounts of such officer, and if any deficiency, shortage or irregularity is discovered, to at once present to such public officer, his surety or sureties, a statement of the amount due, or claimed to be due, from such officer or the nature of such irregularity. Said statement shall be made in writing and deemed sufficient notice to such officer, his surety or sureties, or the agent or attorney, of such surety, if mailed in the postoffice at the city of St. Paul, Minnesota, postage prepaid, or in any postoffice where the examination of such officer's accounts is made, addressed to such officer, his surety or sureties, or the agent or attorney of such sureties, respectively, and directed to the respective postoffices where said surety or sureties, or agent or attorney, may reside, if known, but a failure to make such examination or to give notice or mail such statement shall not discharge the surety or sureties upon such bond.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from

and after its passage.

Approved April 25th 1895.

CHAPTER 127.

H. F. No 368.

An act to amend an act entitled "Anact to authorize reassessments for local improvements by cities and to legalize certain of such assessments," being chapter two hundred and six (206) of the general laws of Minnesota for the year 1893.

Reassessments for local improvements.

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

SECTION 1. That section two (2) of chapter two hundred and six (206) of the general laws of the state of of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninetythree (1893), be and the same is hereby amended by inserting after the words "already undertaken" in the Certain amondsecond (2nd) and third (3rd) lines of said section the menta. words "at the time of making such assessment."

That section eight (8) of said chapter two hundred and six (206) of the general laws of the state of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninetythree (1893), be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the following words at the end of said section;

"Said assessment shall be further enforced and col- Same lected in the same manner as other assessments made by said municipal corporation are enforced and collected."

Sec. 3. That said chapter two hundred and six (206) of the general laws of the state of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three (1893), be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections;

"Sec. 10. As soon as the said assessment roll shall be confirmed the clerk of said court shall prepare and deliver to the comptroller of said municipal corporation, or if said municipal corporation shall not have a comptroller, to the clerk, a certified copy of said assessment roll and of the order confirming the same, which the said comp-

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