

any and every such deed or mortgage shall be taken, held and considered to be as valid, legal and binding to all intents or purposes as if the husband of such married woman had joined in the execution of such power of attorney; *provided*, that no conveyance or mortgage made under such power of attorney shall be held to be hereby validated or confirmed unless the husband of such married woman joined in such conveyance or mortgage.

*Provided*, that this act shall not apply to any action now pending.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

S. F. No. 491.

## CHAPTER 269.

State  
printing.

*An act to create a board of commissioners of public printing, and to define their duties, and to repeal sections two hundred and fifty-nine (259), two hundred and sixty-one (261), two hundred and sixty-two (262), two hundred and sixty-three (263), two hundred and sixty-four (264), two hundred and sixty-six (266), two hundred and sixty-seven (267), two hundred and sixty-eight (268), two hundred and seventy-six (276), two hundred and seventy-seven (277), two hundred and eighty (280), two hundred and eighty-two (282), two hundred and eighty-four (284), two hundred and eighty-eight (288), and two hundred and ninety-seven (297) of chapter five (5) of the statutes of Minnesota for one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894), relating to public printing.*

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

Commission-  
ers of print-  
ing.

SECTION 1. The secretary of state, state treasurer and state auditor shall be ex-officio commissioners of public printing during their terms of office, respectively.

Advertising  
for proposals  
for printing.

SEC. 2. The commissioners of printing shall, during the first week of May of each and every year, give notice in two newspapers printed in the city of St. Paul, and in such other newspapers in the state, not exceeding four, as they may deem necessary, for thirty days, that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the secretary of state until a day specified in said notice, for the execution of the several classes of the said printing in separate contracts for the term of one year from the first (1st) of August next ensuing.

Said advertisement shall contain a notice that the classes and specifications for the work may be had upon application to the secretary of state, and such other information as the said commissioners may deem necessary.

SEC. 3. Said commissioners of public printing shall, immediately upon the passage of this act, prepare, under the advice and direction of the state printing expert, the classifications of said printing, together with the maximum price therefor, and such other rules and regulations as they shall deem necessary, which said classifications, rules and regulations they shall cause to be printed, which shall be furnished by the secretary of state on the application of any person desiring to bid on any of the said printing.

Classifications of printing, maximum rates, and regulations to be made by commission.

Said rules shall require said persons making said bids to furnish all paper and material necessary for the performance of said contract, if awarded to them.

Contractors furnish paper.

Each bid shall be in writing, sealed and addressed to the secretary of state, and shall be accompanied by a bond, executed in due form by the bidder, with at least two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the commissioners of printing, in the penal sum of not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), conditioned for the faithful performance of such class or classes of the said printing as may be awarded to said bidder and for the payment, as liquidated damages by said bidder, to the state of any excess of cost over the bid or bids of such bidders which the state may be compelled to pay for such work by reason of the failure of said bidder to complete his contract.

Bond of \$10,000 to accompany bids.

Said bond to be null and void if no contract is awarded to him. No bid unaccompanied by said bond shall be entertained by the said commissioners of printing.

The contract shall be let to the lowest bidder; *provided*, that all printing and binding to be let by said commissioners shall be performed within the state of Minnesota. *Provided, further*, that said commissioners shall have the right to reject any and all bids, if in their judgment said bids are too high, or if the interest of the state will be better protected thereby, and readvertise and relet the contract for said printing.

Contracts to be let to lowest bidders.

All stationery for the use of the legislature shall be charged to the appropriation for legislative expenses. All stationery for the use of the several state departments shall be charged to the appropriation for contingent expenses for such departments.

Legislative stationery to be charged to legislative expense; dep't stationery to contingent funds.

SEC. 4. The commissioners of printing, or any two of them, shall, within two days after the expiration of

Bids opened in public.

the term for receiving bids, as aforesaid, proceed to open in public all the said bids by them received, and they shall award the contract for each class of printing to the lowest bidder therefor.

*Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the same person from becoming contractor for two or more classes of printing if he shall be the lowest bidder therefor.

If two or more persons bid the same and the lowest price for any class or classes of printing the commissioners shall award the contract to such one or more of them as in their opinion will best subserve the interests of the state, having reference, however, to the division of the work, as far as practicable, among the several bidders aforesaid.

Contractors without city of St. Paul to pay transportation.

If any of the aforesaid printing shall be executed without the city of St. Paul all transportation of paper, copy, proof or printed sheets shall be at the expense of the contractor or contractors of said printing. *Provided*, that said commissioners shall not at any time enter into contract or contracts for printing and binding which shall, in the aggregate, be in excess of the amount appropriated for such purpose.

Contracts not to exceed appropriation.

All work at risk of contractor.

SEC. 5. All work completed or in process of completion and not delivered shall be at the risk of the contractors from fire or other damage, and part payment for any work so destroyed or damaged shall not exempt the contractor from any liability to do work over again and to furnish the paper and other material therefor at his own expense.

State printing expert.

SEC. 6. The commissioners of printing are hereby authorized to appoint some competent person, a practical printer, thoroughly versed in all branches of the business, who shall be designated "state printing expert," whose duties shall be, under the direction of the commissioners of printing, to take charge of all the printing and binding required to be done for the several departments of government; to receive the proper orders for the same, and to have the same properly executed according to law; to keep a record of all work ordered from the several contractors and of all printing and binding ordered from any other parties; to take charge of all paper purchased by the state, and to keep account of the same; to deliver to contractors all paper required by law or their said contract to be furnished to the state; to examine and supervise the work of printing and binding in progress and to see that it is executed with due economy to the state; to examine all accounts of printing and binding and to adjust the same in accordance with law and such rulings as may be deter-

To take charge of all printing and binding.

To keep records of work.

To audit accounts.

mined by the commissioners; to keep a set of books, in which he shall enter all items of work done for any department of the government, charging the same up to the proper department; to enter therein the value of all paper and stationery purchased on behalf of the state, and to whom delivered, and charging the value thereof, so that a complete record will be made of the cost of all paper and stationery, and of all printing and binding, and of the orders issued in payment thereof, so that the whole of the purchases and the whole of the payments therefor can be fully accounted for, and to make report thereof to the secretary of state for publication with his annual report.

Report to  
sec'y of state.

Said printing expert shall take charge of the proof-reading and prepare the indexes for the general and special laws; he shall also prepare the indexes for the volumes of the executive documents.

Said printing expert shall also take charge of the distribution of the laws, journals and public documents of the state, taking receipts for the same and making due report thereof to the secretary of state.

Distribution  
of laws, jour-  
nals and pub-  
lic docu-  
ments.

He shall perform such other duties in connection with the public printing as may be required by the commissioners of printing. He shall receive for his services the sum of twenty-one hundred dollars per annum, the same to be paid in monthly payments out of any appropriation for printing and binding, and in the same manner as payments are made to contractors and others for work performed, and to be charged upon the books of the printing expert as an expense account for the supervision of state printing and binding.

Compensa-  
tion.

*Provided*, that the present state printing expert shall hold his office during the term for which he has already been appointed.

SEC. 7. All accounts for printing, binding and stationery shall be carefully entered of record by the printing expert, and if any errors are found in such accounts the printing expert shall make the necessary correction before entering the same. When the account is adjusted he shall certify to the same to the secretary of state, who, on receipt thereof, shall give his order for the amount due to the state auditor, designating the fund from which the same shall be paid. And only upon the presentation of this order, with the voucher attached the state auditor shall draw his warrant upon the state treasurer for the amount thereof, payable out of any moneys appropriated for that purpose. *Provided*, that the secretary of state shall not issue his warrant for any sum in excess of the amount appropriated for said purpose.

Orders of sec'y  
of state in  
payment for  
printing,  
binding and  
stationery.

Orders not to  
exceed appro-  
priation.

*Provided*, that on all contracts entered into prior to the passage of this act for work to be completed prior to August 1st, 1897 (one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven), the secretary of state may, when said work is completed, issue an order therefor for the amount thereof, on the state auditor, and if there is no money available for the immediate payment thereof, the state auditor shall indorse thereon the time when presented and shall draw interest from that date until the money is appropriated to pay the same.

Official reports printed by commission.

SEC. 8. The official reports allowable and which the commissioners of public printing may publish under this act are: Annual report of state treasurer, railroad and warehouse commission, insurance commission, state agricultural society, and the Minnesota farmers' institute annual, *provided* that the board of administration of said Minnesota farmers' institute shall turn over to said printing commission the amount now appropriated by law, for the printing of said Minnesota farmers' institute annual and the following biannual (biennial) reports: Auditor of state, land commissioner, legislative manual, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction, public examiner, adjutant general, state librarian, commissioner of statistics, bureau of labor, dairy and food commission, boards of pardons and charities, attorney general, governor's message and executive documents, state historical society. All reports of board commissioners, societies and state institutions not enumerated in this section shall be published by the respective officers thereof, to be paid for by the appropriation made for the support of such boards, commissions, societies and state institutions, provided the said officers shall consult with the commissioners of public printing in order that such reports may be uniform.

Other reports to be printed by officers of respective commissions, institutes, etc.

The governor, upon receiving such reports, shall deliver the same to the commissioners of printing; and said commissioners are hereby authorized in connection with the printing expert to examine said reports, and shall be empowered to edit and condense such reports as are directed by law to be published and to determine whether any of the reports whose publication is not mandatory may not be published without detriment to the state or to the public; and shall determine the number of copies and the style of binding of each report to be published except when otherwise specified by law.

Commission authorized to edit and condense reports, and determine number to be printed.

Binding defined.

In accounting under this act when a charge is allowed for binding no charge shall be allowed for the folding, collating, stabbing, stitching end papers, drying and pressing sheets or for lettering volumes, but all these

items of work shall be deemed to be included in the charge allowed for binding.

SEC. 9. There is hereby biennially appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated belonging to the general fund the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), to be drawn on the order of the secretary of state, for the compilation and editorial labor on the legislative manual, including the making of proper indexes and proof reading of the same.

\$1,000 appropriated for editing legislative manual.

Said manual shall contain, in addition to the matter now provided by law, the name of all salaried state officers, whether elective or appointive, also all federal officers, including presidential postmasters, with residences of each, appointed from the state of Minnesota, together with the terms for which they are elected and appointed and the salary they receive per annum.

Contents of legislative manual.

SEC. 10. That sections two hundred and fifty-nine (259), two hundred and sixty-one (261), two hundred and sixty-two (262), two hundred and sixty-three (263), two hundred and sixty-four (264), two hundred and sixty-six (266), two hundred and sixty-seven (267), two hundred and sixty-eight (268), two hundred and seventy-six (276), two hundred and seventy-seven (277), two hundred and eighty (280), two hundred and eighty-two (282), two hundred and eighty-four (284), two hundred and eighty-eight (288), and two hundred and ninety-seven (297), of chapter five (5) of the statutes of Minnesota of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894) be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sections repealed.

SEC. 11. The annual report of the state treasurer shall be published, as required by the constitution, for one time in one daily paper, published in St. Paul, to be designated by the printing commission.

State treasurer's annual report.

SEC. 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1897.