

quent tax payment, and to errors and omissions, respectively, as provided in Sections 2, 3 and 7 hereof; and it shall be the duty of the public examiner, at least twice in each year, to compare the gross earnings records of each of said departments and verify the collection of such taxes and penalties.

Sec. 9. Repeal of conflicting provisions.—Chapter 504 of the General Laws of 1909, Sections 1009 and 1020 of the Revised Laws 1905, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 24, 1913.

CHAPTER 488—H. F. No. 926.

An Act to establish a field and employment agency for the blind, and prescribing the powers and duties thereof.

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

Section 1. Field and employment agency for blind of state.—There shall be established under the management of the board of directors of the school for the blind of the state of Minnesota a field and employment agency for the blind of said state.

Sec. 2. Superintendent to be appointed—Duties.—The board of directors of said school shall annually appoint, upon the recommendation of the superintendent thereof, a competent person to conduct the work of said agency, under the direction of said superintendent.

Said agency shall collect statistics of the blind, including their present physical and mental condition, causes of blindness, capacity for education and industrial training, and any further information looking toward the improvement of their condition that may be desired.

Said agency shall give especial attention to the cases of such blind youth as are eligible to attendance at the school for the blind, but are not in attendance thereat, or are not receiving adequate instruction elsewhere, and shall seek to secure such attendance by all practicable means.

Said agency shall endeavor to secure for the adult blind of the state such labor and employment as may be adapted to their respective training and capacity, and shall, so far as may be feasible, aid said adults in securing any provisions which may be made by the school for the blind for the betterment of their lot.

Said agency shall further be empowered to aid the blind (1) by home instruction and training, (2) by assisting them in securing tools, appliances and supplies, (3) by aiding in market-

ing the products of their labors, (4) by care and relief for the indigent blind, and in any other practicable means of alleviating their condition.

Sec. 3. **Necessary expenses to be defrayed from current expense appropriations.**—The board of directors of the Minnesota school for the blind are hereby authorized to defray the necessary expenses of the aforesaid agency from the appropriations for the current expenses of said board.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after August first, 1913.

Approved April 24, 1913.

CHAPTER 489—H. F. No. 967.

An Act to provide for the separation from cities of two thousand population or less, incorporated as a city under Chapter 8 of the General Laws of 1895, and incorporated as a village under Chapter 40 of the Special Laws of 1881, platted agricultural lands included with the corporate limits in such cities, in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **When agricultural land may be detached from city.**—The owner of all the lots and blocks of any platted tract of land containing not less than forty acres, used, and occupied solely for agricultural purposes, situated within the corporate limits of any city in this state of not more than two thousand population, incorporated as a city under Chapter 8 of the General Laws of 1895, and incorporated as a village under Chapter 40 of the Special Laws of 1881, and apart from the settled, built up portion of said city, may petition the board of county commissioners of the county in which said tract of land is situated, for an order detaching said tract from said city.

Sec. 2. **Petition to be filed and date fixed for hearing.**—Upon the filing of said petition in the office of the county auditor of said county, the board of county commissioners thereof, shall, at their next meeting thereafter fix a time and place for the hearing of such petition, which time shall not be less than thirty days thereafter, and shall direct a notice of such hearing to be issued and signed by the county auditor of said county, on behalf of such board, which notice shall state the name of such petitioner, describe the tract of land sought to be detached, and the time and place of such hearing, and shall contain a copy of such petition, which notice said petitioner shall cause to be served upon the mayor of said city or the city clerk thereof, at least twenty days before the day of hearing, and shall post three copies of such notice, one in each of three of the most pub-