

CHAPTER 553—H. F. No. 925.

An Act to enforce and make valid certain town orders or warrants issued in excess of the amount voted at the annual town meeting.

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

Section 1. **Certain town warrants legalized.**—That all town orders or warrants heretofore issued subsequent to the first day of January, 1911, by any town for work performed or for material used in the repair or construction of roads and bridges in such town are hereby legalized and made valid in so far as such invalidity arises from the fact that such town orders or warrants were issued in excess of the amount voted at the annual town meeting for the repair and construction of roads and bridges in such town for the year in which such road or bridge work was performed and for which such orders or warrants were issued. Provided, that this act shall not apply to any suit now pending involving the legality of said town orders or warrants.

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

Approved April 26, 1913.

CHAPTER 554—H. F. No. 938.

An Act to amend Sections 2357, 2358, 2359, 2361 and 2362, Revised Laws of 1905, relating to a state board of electricity.

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

Section 1. **Membership and selection of state board of electricity.**—That Section 2357, Revised Laws of 1905, be amended to read as follows:

Section 2357. The state board of electricity shall consist of five members, residents of the state, appointed by the governor, each for a term of five years and until his successor qualifies, of whom two shall be master electricians, two journey-men electricians, *recommended by their unions of this craft*, and one a consulting engineer or electrical inspector of a city. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner and from the same class from which the retiring member belonged. The board shall select from its members a president, secretary and treasurer, prescribe rules for the management of its affairs and adopt a seal. Each member shall receive three dollars a day for actual services and ten cents per mile for traveling expenses and his necessary expenses and the secretary such additional compensation as the board may allow; all to be paid out of the treasury of the board. The board shall meet at least once a year in the state capitol and may meet at any other time at places upon sufficient notice to the members. It shall have jurisdiction and this subdivision shall apply only to cities of the first class.

Sec. 2. Classification—Examination and licenses to be furnished.—That Section 2358, Revised Laws of 1905, be amended to read as follows:

Section 2358. There shall be master, journeyman and special electricians, and in the last class shall be included persons employed to operate electric light or power apparatus and keep the same in repair. Every person not already a registered or licensed electrician who shall hereafter engage in the occupation of operating, installing or repairing electrical wires or apparatus shall apply to the board for a license to follow such occupation. The board shall examine the applicant and if he take the oath, hereinafter mentioned, and be found upon examination to be possessed of skill and knowledge in the business and reasonably versed in laws of electricity, the board shall issue to him a license, to follow such calling for two years, signed by the president and secretary and attested by the seal. All licenses heretofore issued by the board shall expire at the end of two years after the taking of effect of the revised laws. The employees of the interstate telephone and telegraph companies shall not be required to hold licenses. Every licensee shall report his licensing and renewal thereof to the proper electrical inspector, if any there be, in the city in which he operates and display such license conspicuously in his place of business and exhibit it on lawful demand. *Holders of journeyman and special electrician licenses shall be furnished with a duplicate of said license, printed or engraved on substantial cardboard of a size of two and one-half inches by four inches, which the holder shall produce upon lawful demand.* For cause, and after hearing all interested parties, the board may revoke such license and shall notify the city inspector of its revocation. Renewals of licenses for the same term shall be granted without examination.

Sec. 3. Master electricians to give bond.—That Section 2359, Revised Laws, be amended to read as follows:

Section 2359. *Every master electrician shall before receiving license as such give bond to the state in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, which bond shall be approved by, and filed with, said state board of electricity. This bond to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of all work entered upon or contracted for by said master. A journeyman electrician holding a state license shall, without further examination, be issued upon application to the state board of electricity a master electrician license, providing that he give bond as provided in this section.* An action may be maintained on said bond by any person injured or damaged through the want of skill or the use of unsuitable or improper material in the performance of any work contracted for or undertaken by said master electrician or his servants or his employees.

Sec. 4. Qualifications and rights of members.—That Section 2361, Revised Laws of 1905, be amended to read as follows:

Section 2361. A person under the age of twenty-one years shall be licensed only as a special electrician. Every applicant for a master electrician's license shall pay a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) and take oath that he has had three years experience in the *occupation* or if a corporation apply, an officer or manager thereof shall take such oath *after being duly examined as master*. An applicant for a journeyman electrician's license shall pay a fee of three dollars (\$3.00) and take oath that he has had three years experience in the installing and repairing of electrical wires and apparatus. An applicant for a special electrician's license shall pay a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) and make oath that he has had two years experience in the special line of work for which he asks license and which shall be set forth in such license. No contracts for electrical work shall be entered into by anyone not a licensed electrician.

Sec. 5. Apprentices and where permitted to work.—That Section 2362, Revised Laws of 1905, be amended to read as follows:

Section 2362. Nothing in this subdivision shall prevent a person from serving as an apprentice under a licensed electrician, but no master electrician shall have more than one apprentice to each two journeymen in his employ. *No master electrician shall allow any apprentice to work at any installation of electrical wires or apparatus unless such apprentice is working with a licensed electrician on the job.*

Sec. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved April 28, 1913.

CHAPTER 555—H. F. No. 1046.

An Act to continue and provide for a department of public examiner, extending and defining the duties and powers of the public examiner and assistants, and repealing acts inconsistent herewith.

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

Section 1. Supervision of public accounts—Investigation of public finances.—There is hereby established and continued within the state of Minnesota the department of public examiner, which shall have the duty and power to supervise all public accounts, to prescribe and install systems of accounts and reports, to inspect all records and transactions connected with the receipt, disbursement and custody of public funds, to investigate the use and security of all public appropriations and property,