

board of the county issuing such bonds shall pass a resolution authorizing the issuance thereof under this act within ninety days after the passage and approval of this act.

Approved April 10, 1915.

CHAPTER 104—S. F. No. 323.

An Act entitled "An Act to provide for the election and term of county commissioners in all counties in the state of Minnesota, now, or hereafter having a population of over two hundred thousand, and not over three hundred thousand inhabitants, and to repeal all inconsistent acts.

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

Section 1. County commissioners for Ramsey county to be elected in 1918 and each four years thereafter.—That in all counties in the State of Minnesota, now, or hereafter having a population of over two hundred thousand and not over three hundred thousand population, the county commissioners to which any such county is entitled by law, shall be elected at the general election for county officers to be held in the year A. D. 1918, and each four years thereafter, and their terms of office shall be for four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. Present commissioners to hold until successors are elected in 1918.—The terms of office of all county commissioners now in office in any county embraced in Section one of this act, shall continue until their successors are elected at the general election in the year 1918, and until such successors qualify as provided by law.

Sec. 3. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 10, 1915.

CHAPTER 105—S. F. No. 170.

An Act defining as larceny certain acts of contractors and sub-contractors on improvements to real estate.

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

Section 1. Defrauding contractor on improvement of real estate to be deemed guilty of larceny.—That any contractor or sub-contractor on any improvement to real estate within the meaning of Section 7020, General Statutes 1913, who, with intent to de-

fraud, shall use the proceeds of any payment made to him on account of such improvement by the owner of such real estate or person having any improvement made, for any other purpose than the payment for labor, skill, material and machinery contributed to such improvement, while any such labor performed, or skill, material or machinery furnished for such improvement at the time of such payment remains unpaid for, shall be guilty of larceny of the proceeds of such payment so used.

Approved April 10, 1915.

CHAPTER 106--S. F. No. 116.

An Act to amend Section 1672, Revised Laws 1905, as amended by Section 2 Chapter 471 Laws 1907, and Section 1674 Revised Laws 1905, as amended by Section 4 Chapter 471 Laws 1907, relating to mutual hail and cyclone insurance companies.

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

Section 1. Township insurance companies given enlarged powers as to property to be insured.—That Section 1672 Revised Laws 1905, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 471, Laws 1907, be amended so as to read as follows:

No such company shall insure any other property than country churches and school houses, farm dwellings, barns, and other buildings, and hay, grain and other farm products therein, or stored or growing on the premises, *bedding, wearing apparel, printed books, pictures and frames, household furniture, family stores and provisions while therein or in the cellar beneath, farm implements, vehicles and machinery on or off the premises, threshing machines, or live stock* thereon or running at large. No company, in its hail department, shall insure more than 3,200 acres in any one township; there shall be at least one-half mile between each risk assumed by such company, except that risks may be assumed which cover the growing crops upon not more than 320 acres of contiguous or immediately adjacent lands. No such company shall incur, lay out or expend, in any one calendar year, as and for the expenses of conducting such business, more than its application or survey fees and forty (40) per cent of its total premiums or assessments actually collected. But no company shall be required to limit its annual expenses to less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Sec. 2. Guaranty surplus fund salary created may be used for payment of losses and expenses.—That Section 1674 Revised Laws 1905, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 471, Laws 1907, be amended so as to read as follows:

Every such company shall create and maintain a guaranty surplus fund and shall annually set aside and credit thereto,