

not be declared inoperative, illegal or void, for any omission of a technical nature in respect thereto.

Sec. 39. **When act takes effect.**—This act shall take effect and be in force on and after the first day of October, 1915.

Approved April 21, 1915.

CHAPTER 211—S. F. No. 365.

An Act in reference to the use of materials produced in the State of Minnesota, in the erection of public buildings for the state or any buildings which are erected in part from state funds.

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

Section 1. **Material produced in state to be given preference in public buildings.**—That in any and all buildings hereafter erected by the State of Minnesota, or to the erection of which the State of Minnesota has granted aid, preference shall always be given in the erection thereof to materials produced or manufactured in the State of Minnesota by citizens or residents thereof wherever practicable; provided that in the building and erecting of foundations, steps, approaches, and the outer walls of any and all such buildings, materials produced and manufactured in the State of Minnesota by citizens and residents thereof only shall be used. Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to metal lath or Portland cement necessarily used in any such foundations, steps, approaches or outer walls.

Sec. 2. **Not to affect buildings in process of construction.**—This act shall not affect buildings now in process of construction nor shall it affect buildings for which contracts for the construction thereof have been entered into prior to the passage of this act. Provided further that nothing in this act shall prevent the completion of buildings now partially erected with the same kind of materials which have heretofore been used. Provided further, that nothing in this act shall prevent an addition being made to any building now constructed out of the same material as the original building, nor the completion of any group of buildings out of the same material as was used in the construction of the buildings already completed.

Sec. 3. **Not to apply where it appears pool has been formed.**—The provisions of this act shall not apply in any case where, in the judgment of the different officers, boards, or other authority in this state, now or hereafter vested with the power of contracting for the buildings hereinbefore referred to, it appears that an attempt is being made by producers or manufacturers in this state to form a pool, trust or combination of any kind for the purpose of fixing or regulating the price of materials to be used in any such building or buildings.

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

Approved April 21, 1915.

CHAPTER 212—S. F. No. 528.

An Act amending Section 9381, General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, and creating an additional section numbered 12 in Chapter 188, Laws of 1913, relating to the establishment and maintenance of a work farm for the confinement and care of criminal offenders.

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

Section 1. **Procedure for establishment of work farm and tax levy authorized.**—That Section 9381, General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 9381. Any such county wishing and deciding to provide a work farm by itself alone as indicated in Section two (9375) of this act, may through its county commissioners appropriate the first year not to exceed the sum of \$35,000.00 for the purchase of the land and establishment and equipment of the same, or not to exceed the sum of \$20,000.00 if it shall decide to provide such work farm in cooperation with any such city, as herein provided.

Such work farm commissioners shall determine by resolution each year, prior to July 1st, the amount of money necessary for the equipment and maintenance of the work farm the following year, over and above the probable receipts for the account of said work farm fund from all sources other than taxes, and a certified copy of such resolution shall be forthwith forwarded to the county board, if such work farm be established and maintained by such county alone, and such board shall at its regular meeting in July include such amount in its annual levy of county taxes for the ensuing year, unless after due hearing such amount be determined to be excessive and unnecessary, in which event such amount may be reduced accordingly by the board.

That in case such work farm be established and maintained by any such county and city jointly, certified copies of such resolution determining the said amount necessary for the equipment and maintenance of said work farm for the following year, shall be forthwith forwarded to the county board of such county and to the city council of such city, and such board shall at its regular meeting in July, and said city council shall at some meeting prior to October tenth, include the proper share of said county and city in their annual levies of county and city taxes, respectively, unless such amounts shall be reduced by said county board and