

or change the equipment for electric street lighting in use in said city at the time of presenting said petition and such petition is signed by the owners of a majority in area of the real estate of such city, which may be deemed by said common council to be specially benefited, then and in such case the said common council or other governing body may make such investigation as to the advisability, expediency and feasibility of the doing of the things asked in said petition as it deems necessary, and, if it deems it advisable, expedient and feasible to do them or any of them, it may and is hereby authorized and empowered to grant such petition or any or all of its requests at its discretion.

Sec. 2. **Special assessment by council authorized.**—In case such petition shall be granted and to the extent rendered necessary by the granting of the same in whole or in part, the said common council or other governing body may levy and collect by special assessment the entire or a portion of the cost and expense of such change, alteration, replacement, reconstruction or installment against such real estate as may, in the judgment of said common council, derive special benefits therefrom.

Section 3. **Chapter 263, G. S. 1915 repealed.**—That chapter 263, general statutes of Minnesota, 1915, be and the same is hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 10, 1917.

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CHAPTER 181—S. F. No. 413.

*An act authorizing the board of county commissioners in any county of this state to pay to contractors on county roads, in cases where the contract price exceeds seventy-five thousand dollars, not more than seventy-five per cent of the amount retained by the county on such contracts, and relating to the consent of the surety on any such contract, and final acceptance of the work in such cases.*

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

Section 1. **Payment of work for construction of roads in certain counties authorized.**—The board of county commissioners in any county of this state, wherein a road has been constructed at a contract price in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars, and the estimates furnished by the engineer in charge show that more than seventy-five per cent of the work covered by such contract has been completed, may, and is hereby authorized by unanimous vote to pay over to the contractor performing such work, not to exceed seventy-five per cent of any amount

retained by the county on any such contract; provided, however, that no such payment shall be made to any such contractor until the surety or sureties on his bond shall consent to such payment; and provided further, that any such payment shall not be construed as a final acceptance of the whole or any portion of said work.

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

Approved April 10, 1917.

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CHAPTER 182—S. F. No. 429.

*An act changing the length of terms of members of the board of women visitors of the Minnesota home school for girls.*

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

Section 1. **Terms of members of board of women visitors.**—That on and after the first day of August, 1917, the board of women visitors of the Minnesota home school for girls shall be appointed by the governor of Minnesota in the following manner:

One member of said board shall be appointed for a period of one year commencing with the first day of August, 1917; two members thereof for a period of two years commencing with the first day of August, 1917, and the other two members of said board be appointed for a period of three years commencing with the first day of August, 1917, and that thereafter upon the expiration of their respective terms, members of the said board shall be appointed for a period of three years.

Sec. 2. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the 1st day of August, 1917.

Approved April 10, 1917.

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CHAPTER 183—S. F. No. 246.

*An act to amend Section 3536 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, relating to insurance written by certain health and accident insurance associations.*

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

Section 1. **Certificates of membership authorized by certain health and accident insurance associations.**—That section 3536 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 3536. Any domestic assessment, health or accident association now licensed to do business in this state, which confines its membership to commercial travelers, professional men,