

CHAPTER 486—S. F. No. 612.

An act creating the office of "Comptroller" for the state university, authorizing the appointment of an incumbent thereof, prescribing his powers and duties; providing a budget system for the fiscal affairs of the state university; the payment of the salaries of the officers, teachers and employees of the university and the purchase of and payment for material and supplies for the university and the various departments thereof.

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

Section 1. Controller for university to give bonds for \$20,000.

—The board of regents of the state university is hereby authorized to appoint some suitable person to the office of "comptroller" for the university, which office is hereby created.

Such person shall hold office at the pleasure of the board of regents. Before entering upon the performance of his duties he shall give bond to the state in the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his official duties. If a surety bond is given the cost thereof may be paid by the university from its appropriation for maintenance. The comptroller shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the board of regents, to be paid from the appropriations for maintenance of the university.

Sec. 2. To have charge of business affairs of university.—

The comptroller shall have charge, under the general direction and supervision of the board of regents, of all the business affairs of the university, including accounting, purchasing of materials and supplies, the business relations of the university with the board of control, the administration of the financial budget of the university and the care of the buildings and grounds of the university.

Sec. 3. To employ a chief accountant and other assistants.—

The comptroller, subject to the approval of the board of regents, may employ a chief accountant, purchasing agent and superintendent of buildings and grounds and such other employes as may be necessary to the proper administration of the duties hereinbefore devolving upon him. Such employes shall receive such compensation, to be paid from the appropriations for the maintenance of the university, as shall be fixed by the board of regents.

Sec. 4. To formulate budget for ensuing fiscal year.—It shall be the duty of the comptroller on or before the first day of August in each year to formulate under the direction of the board of regents, a "budget" for the ensuing fiscal year. Such budget shall contain a detailed estimate of the funds which will be available for expenditure by the university for the next ensuing year and apportionment of such funds for expenditure to

the various colleges, departments and divisions of the university. A copy of such budget, approved by the board of regents, shall be filed with the comptroller and a copy thereof to the state auditor. The comptroller shall not make or authorize any disbursement except as provided for in such budget, without the written consent and direction of the board of regents.

Sec. 5. Payment of salaries, etc.—The payment of salaries and supplies shall be in conformity with the budget as approved by the board of regents and the method of procedure shall be in conformity with the system approved by the state auditor, state treasurer, attorney general and public examiner. The dean or other acting head of the college or department shall certify the list of departmental instructors and employes as provided for in the budget. It shall not be necessary that such list be signed or receipted by the persons named therein and to whom payments are to be made.

Sec. 6. Duties of purchasing agent.—The purchasing agent hereinbefore provided for, shall have charge, under the general direction and supervision of the comptroller, of the purchase of all materials and supplies for the university and the several colleges and departments thereof, the purchase of which is not by law entrusted to any other board or officer.

Sec. 7. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. Not to modify chapter 174, General Laws Minnesota 1917.—Nothing in this act shall in any way repeal, modify or affect chapter 174, General Laws of Minnesota for 1917, being a bill for an act to provide for the purchasing by the state board of control of stationery, furniture, supplies and equipment for all the governmental departments of the state, not now under the financial and exclusive management of said board, and repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, approved April 10th, 1917.

Approved April 21, 1917.

CHAPTER 487—S. F. No. 619.

An act to amend Subdivision 10, Chapter 400, General Laws 1913, as amended by Chapter 176, General Laws 1915, relating to the office of public examiner.

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

Section 1. Increase in office force and salaries of various employes of public examiners office.—That sub-division 10 of chapter 400, General Laws 1913, as amended by chapter 176, General Laws 1915, be amended to read as follows:

Public examiner, forty-five hundred dollars; *deputy public examiner, three thousand dollars*; corporation examiner, thirty-