CHAPTER 171-S. F. No. 409.

An act entitled an act legalizing proceedings heretofore taken by any city of the fourth class in reference to the issuance of bonds under the provisions of Chapter 205, Laws 1909, as amended by Chapter 253, Laws 1915, and legalizing the bonds of said city already or hereafter issued in pursuance of proceedings already begun under such act as so amended.

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

Section 1. Certain bonds issued by cities of fourth class validated.—In all cases where a city of the fourth class has heretofore taken any proceedings in compliance or attempted compliance with the provisions of chapter 205, Laws 1909, as amended by chapter 253, Laws 1915, in reference to the issuance of its bonds for any of the purposes in said act specified, such proceedings and any bonds of such city already or hereafter issued in pursuance of proceedings already begun under said act as so amended are hereby legalized and made valid. But this act shall not apply in the case of any proceedings or bonds the validity of which is called in question in any action now pending.

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

after its passage.

Approved April 4, 1919.

CHAPTER 172-S. F. No. 442.

An act requiring adjoining towns to bear, in equal shares, the expense of constructing and maintaining bridges on roads on the lines between such towns in certain cases, and providing for the award of damages to each such town in drainage proceedings.

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

Section 1. Expense of township roads to be paid jointly by township.—In all cases where a road, other than a state road, is on the line between two towns, whether such towns are in the same county or not, it shall be the duty of such towns to bear jointly and in equal shares the expense of constructing and maintaining any bridge on such road, the construction of which is made necessary by the construction of a drainage ditch or by reason of the changing, widening or alteration of any drainage ditch, or by reason of the altering or changing of any water course.

Sec. 2. Construction of bridges to be shared jointly.—In any proceeding for the establishment and construction of any drainage ditch or the changing, widening or alteration of any such ditch, or the altering of any water course, as specified in section 1 of this act, each of the towns charged by the provisions of this act with the obligation of constructing and maintaining any bridge

because of any such improvement, shall be awarded and paid onehalf of the total damages awarded on account of the obligation to construct and maintain any such bridge.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and

after its passage.

Approved April 4, 1919.

CHAPTER 173—S. F. No. 521.

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 202, Session Laws of Minnesota for the year 1917, relating to the salary of register of deeds in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Salary of register of deeds in certain counties.— The county board shall, at its January meeting in each year, fix the salary of the register of deeds in each and every county in which there are not less than forty-eight townships, which has an area of not less than one million acres nor more than a million and a half acres, and whose population, according to the census then last taken was not less than fifteen thousand nor more than thirty thousand, and whose valuation is not less than ten million dollars nor more than twenty-five million dollars; and said salary shall be not less than two thousand (\$2,000) dollars and not to exceed two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) dollars a year, payable in twelve equal monthly installments, shall be full compensation for the individual work of said register of deeds, as such

Sec. 2. Appointment of deputies.—The register of deeds may appoint such deputies and clerks as he may deem necessary for the work of the office and recommend a salary to be paid them and each of them, but said appointment shall not take effect until it is approved by the county board, nor shall the salary recommended be given until the same is also approved by the county board, and said approval shall be made at the January meeting of the board on each year. If the register of deeds shall not have made his said appointments before the said meeting, the

county board shall do so instead of said official.

Sec. 3. Fees to be placed to credit of county revenue fund.— All of the fees taken by the register of deeds and all office compensation and emoluments due for any work done, which it is the duty of the register of deeds to do, shall be collected by him and remitted to the county treasurer and by him placed in and charged to the general revenue fund of the county.

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

after its passage.

Approved April 4, 1919.