

## CHAPTER 340—H. F. No. 654.

*An act fixing salaries and clerk hire of the county auditor and the county treasurer in counties now and hereafter having not less than fifty or more than seventy full or fractional congressional townships and having at any time an assessed valuation of not more than three million (\$3,000,000) dollars.*

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

Section 1. **Salary of county auditor in certain counties.**—In each county of this state now or hereafter containing not less than fifty or more than seventy full or fractional congressional townships and having at any time an assessed valuation, exclusive of money and credits, of not more than three million (\$3,000,000) dollars as officially equalized by the state tax commission, each county auditor shall receive a salary of eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) a year and the county treasurer shall receive a salary of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) a year, payable in equal monthly installments out of the county treasury.

Sec. 2. **Clerk hire for county auditor.**—The sum of not to exceed fifteen hundred (\$1,500) dollars a year shall be allowed the county auditor and the sum of not to exceed six hundred (\$600) dollars shall be allowed the county treasury in any such county, for clerk hire, or so much thereof as shall be found necessary, shall be paid in equal monthly installments in the same manner as the salary of other employes of such county, to the persons actually rendering the services as such clerk.

Sec. 3. **Application.**—This act shall not apply to any county where the salary of clerk hire of such county officials are now fixed by special law.

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

Approved April 21, 1919.

## CHAPTER 341—H. F. No. 666.

*An act relating to state fishing operations, appropriating money for a revolving fund to be used in such operations, conferring certain powers on the game and fish commissioner, and regulating the removal of fish from public waters in certain cases.*

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

Section 1. **Revolving fund for conducting state fishing operations.**—There is hereby created a state fish revolving fund available for the purpose of conducting state fishing operations as hereinafter prescribed. Said fund shall consist of all moneys heretofore or hereafter collected by the state game and fish commissioner as agent for the Minnesota commission of public safety in state fishing operations, and the said commissioner is

hereby directed to pay over all moneys so collected to the state treasurer of the state of Minnesota, and an amount of money equal to the amount so paid over by said commissioner to said treasurer is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated to said commissioner for the purpose of a revolving fund to be used in carrying out the provisions of this act.

All moneys hereafter received in the course of such fishing operations are hereby added to said revolving fund, and the expenses of such operations shall be paid in the same manner as other claims against the state are paid.

**Sec. 2. Game and fish commissioner authorized to remove fish under certain conditions.**—Whenever, after an investigation the game and fish commissioner finds that any of the following conditions exist:

(1) That rough or non-game fish inhabit any of the public waters of this state in such numbers as to interfere with or prevent the natural propagation of game fish therein.

(2) That the taking and removal of a portion of such rough or non-game fish will result in an improvement of the quality of the fish remaining in such waters.

(3) That such removal is necessary and desirable to properly cultivate and preserve any species of fish therein.

(4) That such removal will be in accordance with the generally accepted principles of scientific fish culture and

(5) That such removal may be undertaken and accomplished without the undue depletion of any species of fish therein.

(6) That such waters are not suitable for taking fish by angling: Then, and in such case he may provide, by contract, or by day labor under his supervision or both, for the taking and removal of a portion of any fish therein by means of nets or by any other devices not deemed by him to be inconsistent with fish propagation, provided the commissioner shall not conduct said operations in any waters of this state where commercial fishing is being carried on by persons duly licensed by him. Provided that no fish shall be taken under the provisions of this act from any lake of less area than two hundred square miles.

**Sec. 3. Sale of same and funds to apply to revolving fund.**—Fish so taken and removed shall be sold by the commissioner at not more than the prevailing market price, and the proceeds of such sales shall be paid by the commissioner into the state treasury and by the treasurer credited to the revolving fund aforesaid. Fish so taken and sold shall not be shipped to points without the state, except that carp, buffalofish, sheephead, tullibees, bullheads, dogfish, burbot, suckers and goldeyes so taken and sold by the commis-

sioner may be shipped either within or without the state. Any person shipping fish in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Sec. 4. Commissioner given power to prescribe rules.**—Said commissioner is hereby granted authority to prescribe reasonable rules and regulations for the taking of such fish by a contractor, and may also require a bond of the contractor, conditioned upon his faithful observance of the terms and conditions of his contract and the rules and regulations of the commissioner with such sureties and in such amount as he may deem proper.

**Sec. 5. \$20,000 bond required.**—In addition to the official bond already required to be given by said commissioner, he shall, before undertaking any operations hereunder, give a bond to the state in the sum of \$20,000.00 conditioned upon his faithful compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

**Sec. 6. Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 7.** This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1919.

#### CHAPTER 342—H. F. No. 924.

*An act to amend Section 4, Chapter 238, Laws 1915, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 410, Laws 1917, relating to formation of consolidated school districts.*

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

**Section 1. Liability of consolidated school districts.**—That section 4 of chapter 238, Laws 1915, as amended by section 1 of chapter 410, Laws 1917, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Section 4.** At such meeting the electors shall elect from their number a chairman and clerk, who shall be the officers of the meeting. The chairman shall appoint two tellers, and the meeting and election shall be conducted as are annual meetings in common and independent districts. The vote at such election or meeting shall be by ballot, which shall read "For Consolidation," or "Against Consolidation." The officers at such meeting or election shall, within ten days thereafter, certify the result of the vote to the superintendent of the county in which such district mainly lies. If a majority of the votes cast be for consolidation, the county superintendent within ten days thereafter shall make proper orders to give effect to such vote, and shall thereafter transmit a copy thereof to the auditor of each county in which any part of any district affected lies, and to the clerk of each district affected, and also to the superintendent of education. If the order be for the formation of a new district, it shall specify the number of such district. The county