

Section 31. The county board at its July meeting may include in its annual tax levy an amount not exceeding *ten* mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation for the county road and bridge fund. Such taxes may be additional to the amount permitted by law to be levied for other county purposes.

Sec. 2. **Certain section repealed.**—That section 21 of chapter 119, Laws 1917, be and the same hereby is repealed.

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

Approved April 25, 1919.

CHAPTER 483—H. F. No. 781.

An act to promote the safety of employees and the general public by requiring owners of certain buildings in which elevators are used jointly by two or more tenants to provide operators to run such elevators; also requiring such owner to provide locking devices on such elevators, and forbidding the use of such elevators under certain conditions.

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

Section 1. **Operation of elevators.**—In any building occupied in whole or in part for factories, workshops, or offices, by two or more tenants, and in which building two or more tenants use jointly the same elevator for the purpose of moving persons or freight from one floor to another, it shall be the duty of the owner of such building to provide a competent person or persons to regularly operate such elevator, and no other person shall operate such elevator. Provided, that such owner may arrange by agreement with one or more of such tenants to provide a regular operator or operators to run such elevator.

Sec. 2. **Lock or fastening device.**—Every elevator or the entrance to such elevator in any building mentioned in section 1 shall be provided with a lock or fastening device which shall prevent the use of such elevator except by a person authorized to operate the same, and such lock or fastening device shall be applied by the operator to the controlling apparatus or gate of such elevator before leaving the elevator without an authorized attendant.

Sec. 3. **Inspection by labor commissioner.**—It shall be the duty of the commissioner of labor and his assistant, whenever they find an elevator in use in violation of this act, to seal the entrances of such elevator and attach a notice forbidding the use of such elevator until the provisions of this act are complied with. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this act, or who removes any seal or notice forbidding the use of such elevator except by authority of the commissioner of labor, or who operates such elevator after a notice has been attached forbidding

the use of such elevator except after such notice has been removed by authority of the commissioner of labor, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or imprisonment.

Sec. 4. **Effective January 1, 1920.**—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 1920.

Approved April 25, 1919.

CHAPTER 484—H. F. No. 829.

An act providing for the erection of highway guide posts and signs by towns, villages and cities and imposing certain duties on the commissioner of highways in relation thereto, making it unlawful to destroy, deface or mutilate any such guide post or sign and prescribing penalties for the violation thereof.

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

Section 1. **Highway guide posts.**—Every town shall erect and maintain highway guide posts and signs at such places on the public roads therein as shall be desirable for the direction of travelers on such roads and every city and village shall erect at such places within their respective corporate limits as shall be designated by the commissioner of highways, highway guide posts and signs indicating the route through any such city or village of any road leading into and from such city or village.

Sec. 2. **Commissioner of highways to adopt uniform and standard type and to promulgate rules.**—The commissioner of highways shall, as soon as may be after the passage of this act, design and adopt a uniform and standard type of guide posts and signs to be erected and placed upon the highways of the state to guide and direct travelers thereon. The said guide posts and signs shall be as substantial and permanent as is reasonably possible and shall be erected as directed by said commissioner and so that they will indicate the terminal cities and the next village or city in each direction. After each turn or cross road there shall be a reassuring sign to show the traveler that he has taken the right direction.

The said commissioner of highways is hereby authorized to promulgate suitable rules and regulations regarding the kind and manner of erection and maintenance of the guide posts and signs which may be hereafter placed on or used upon the public highways of the state for the guidance of the travelers thereon.

Sec. 3. **Only approved types to be erected.**—From and after the passage of this act no new highway guide posts or signs other than those of a type approved by the commissioner of highways shall be erected, placed or maintained upon any public road or street in this state for the guidance of travelers thereon.

Sec. 4. **Definition.**—The words "sign" or "signs" as used herein shall include only such signs as have written or printed directions thereon for the guidance of travelers; it shall not be deemed