

The clerk or any authorized officer of the public board shall issue and keep a record of such excuses, under such rules as the board may from time to time establish.

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

Approved March 23, 1923.

CHAPTER 79—S. F. No. 467.

An act to amend Section 255, General Statutes 1913, relating to retirement of district judges.

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

Section 1. Retirement of District Court Judges.—That Section 255, General Statutes 1913, be amended to read as follows:

255. When a judge shall be retired under the provisions of section one (254) of this act, he shall receive the compensation allotted to his office by law for the remainder of his said term, or, if then past eighty-five (85) years of age and having served as such judge continuously more than thirty-four (34) years, for the remainder of his life, to be paid at the time and in the manner provided by law.

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

Approved March 23, 1923.

CHAPTER 80—S. F. No. 149.

An act to amend Section 1092, General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, as amended by Chapter 376 of the Laws of 1921, relating to the power of certain counties to contract for goods, materials or supplies.

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

Section 1. Limitation in contracts in counties of more than 200,000 inhabitants.—That Section 1092, General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913 as amended by Chapter 376 of the laws of 1921 be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1092. In counties having a population of more than two hundred twenty-five thousand, no contract for the purchase of goods, materials, or supplies of any kind for the county, the estimated cost of which exceeds five hundred dollars, shall be made by the county board without giving at least seven days' published notice that bids or proposals will be received therefor, stating the time and place. All such contracts shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, shall be approved by resolution of the board, and signed

by its chairman. In case no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise: Provided, that in case of unforeseen breakages or injuries in or connected with public buildings, where the public interest would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for bids, but in such case the action of the board shall be recorded in its official proceedings.

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

Approved March 23, 1923.

CHAPTER 81—S. F. No. 373.

An act relating to town taxes, transactions and indebtedness, and validating same and making same chargeable upon taxable property therein, including such property in municipalities or parts of municipalities situate within the town in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **Application—Indebtedness of towns, villages, etc.**—This act shall apply when, during or within six years prior to the passage of this act, in a town having villages, cities or boroughs, de jure or de facto, or parts thereof, situate within its boundaries, town road and bridge taxes have been levied and collected on taxable property in the town including such property in such villages, cities or boroughs, and town funds have been expended and town indebtedness incurred by the town officers as such on roads and bridges within the town, including roads and bridges or either thereof, in such villages, cities or boroughs, or parts thereof, all whether before or after the incorporation of such villages, cities or boroughs, or any thereof.

Sec. 2. **Indebtedness legalized.**—In such cases the taxes, transactions and indebtedness of any such town, levied, entered into or incurred during the period within which such conditions have existed, for or pertaining to roads and bridges, are hereby given the same validity and effect as if such villages, cities or boroughs, or parts thereof, had been and remained parts of the town for road and bridge purposes; and any and all indebtedness of such town remaining unpaid shall be and remain a valid charge against all the taxable property in the town, including such property in such villages, cities or boroughs, or parts thereof, situate therein, until fully paid; and for the payment of such indebtedness town taxes may be levied, extended and collected upon such property as other town taxes. Contribution may be enforced as otherwise provided by law for any part of such indebtedness, heretofore or hereafter paid by the town which has not been shared by any such village, city or borough proportionately according to assessed valuation at the time of the passage of the act, and no such corporation, nor the taxable prop-