

shall be submitted and disposed of substantially in the manner provided by said Chapter 392, or, in lieu of a vote at such an election, by petition of a number of voters of the county equal to a majority of the votes cast therein at the last preceding general election. Such petition may be in the form of one document or of several of substantially like tenor and effect, and shall be filed with the county auditor. Any special election hereunder may be called in any manner by law provided for the calling of special county elections. Upon authority being granted by the voters in either manner herein provided, the board may thereupon proceed accordingly and, if they shall have theretofore made or attempted to make a contract or contracts in excess of the authority first granted, may ratify and carry out such contract or contracts or any thereof.

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

Approved March 31, 1927.

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#### CHAPTER 107—S. F. No. 186

*An act relating to the Clerk, Treasurer and Assessors, in towns having a population of over ten thousand inhabitants and an assessed valuation of over ten million dollars, and fixing their compensation.*

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

Section 1. **Salaries of town officials.**—That in all towns now or hereafter having an assessed valuation of over ten million dollars, and a population according to the last federal or state census of over ten thousand inhabitants, including the residents of any village that may be a part of said town for election purposes, the Town Board shall fix a monthly salary to be paid by the Town to the Clerk, Treasurer and Assessor, in lieu of the amounts otherwise provided by law to be paid by the Town, but the compensation so fixed shall in the case of Clerk or Assessor not exceed the salary now permitted by law to the Chairman of the Town Board of said Town, and in the case of the Treasurer shall not exceed the amount now permitted by law to a Supervisor of said Town other than the Chairman.

Sec. 2. **Deputy assessors—salaries.**—That in May and June of each year the town board may employ such deputy assessors as may be necessary, not to exceed seven in number, for a period of sixty days each year at not to exceed \$6.00 per day, and may when necessary employ a stenographer or assistant to the town clerk at not to exceed \$6.00 per day.

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

Approved April 1, 1927.

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CHAPTER 108—S. F. No. 430

*An act providing for the inspection of nurseries and other premises, nursery stock and other plants, plant products and articles; providing for the placing of dangerous plants or plant products or articles in isolation or quarantine; providing for the protection of horticulture and agriculture against injurious infestation or infection and preventing the introduction into this State of insect or animal pests or plant diseases; providing for the issuance of rules and regulations; providing for co-operation with the Federal Government; prescribing penalties and repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.*

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

Section 1. **Inspector of nurseries—fees.**—The state entomologist employed by the Commissioner of Agriculture is hereby designated as state inspector of nurseries and is authorized, either himself or by deputies duly appointed by him, to inspect all premises in Minnesota where nursery stock is grown or held for sale, and further to inspect all orchards or any premises whatsoever within the state, where he has reason to suspect the presence of injurious insects or injurious and contagious plant diseases. Nursery stock shall be regarded as including all field-grown plants (except herbaceous annuals) of any kind, also trees, field-grown shrubs, vines, cuttings, buds, grafts and scions. For this purpose he or his deputy or deputies shall have free access to any field, ground, packing ground, buildings, cellars, orchard, garden, elevator, warehouse, freight or express office or car, freight yard, vehicle, vessel, boat, container, and other places where the carrying out of the provisions of this act shall make necessary. The state inspector of nurseries is empowered and required to grant certificates upon request to such nurseries as he may find free from injurious insects and contagious plant diseases. Such certificates shall be good for one year unless revoked by him. This inspection of nurseries shall take place between May 1st and September 30th and at such other times as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of this act. Nursery-men or others having stock to inspect shall make application to the state nursery inspector for the inspection of stock so far as practicable on or before May 1st of each year. It shall be the duty of the inspector or his deputy to make the inspection as soon thereafter as possible.