

CHAPTER 246—H. F. No. 615

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 3278, relating to fees of public examiner for examinations of books and records of counties.

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

Section 1. **Fees for examination of counties.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, section 3278, be amended to read as follows :

"3278. All the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the public examiner in the foregoing sections shall be exercised and performed by him in respect to the offices, institutions, public property and improvements of the several counties of the state of Minnesota. At least once in each year, the public examiner shall visit, without previous notice, each of such counties and make a thorough examination of all accounts and records relating to the receipt and disbursement of the public funds and the custody of the public funds and other property. He shall prescribe and install systems of accounts and financial reports, that shall be uniform so far as practicable for the same class of offices. A copy of the report of such examination shall be filed and subject to public inspection in the office of the public examiner, and another copy in the office of the county auditor of the county thus examined; provided, that if any such examination shall disclose malfeasance, misfeasance, or non-feasance in any office of such county, such report shall be filed with the county attorney of said county, and it shall be the duty of such county attorney to institute such civil and criminal proceedings, as the law and the protection of the public interests shall require.

The county receiving such examination shall pay to the state the total cost and expenses of such examination, including the salaries paid to the examiners while actually engaged in making such examination, provided, that such salary charge shall not exceed \$10.00 per day. The appropriation accounts of the comptroller shall be credited with all collections made for any such examinations, and said moneys so collected are hereby appropriated for the use and purposes of said accounts."

Approved April 20, 1931.