

otherwise the spouse shall be made a defendant and served with summons."

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

Approved February 20, 1935.

CHAPTER 17—H. F. No. 226

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 991, as amended by Chapter 69, Special Session Laws of 1933-34, relating to contracts in counties having a valuation in the year 1931 of not less than \$9,875,000.00 nor more than \$9,900,000.00 and having not less than 16 and no more than 17 full and fractional congressional townships.

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

Section 1. Advertising for bids in certain counties.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 991, as amended by Chapter 69, Special Sessions Laws of 1933-34, be amended to read as follows:

"991. In counties having a valuation *in the year 1931* of not less than \$9,875,000.00 nor more than \$9,900,000.00 and having not less than 16 and no more than 17 full and fractional congressional townships, no contract for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, or other property, or for the construction or repair of buildings, the estimated cost or value of which shall exceed five hundred dollars, and no contract for work or labor or for the construction or repair of roads or bridges, the estimated cost of value of which shall exceed one thousand dollars, shall be made by the county board without first advertising for bids or proposals in some newspaper of the county. If for the purchase of property or for work and labor, two weeks' published notice that proposals will be received, stating the time and place, shall be given. If for the construction or repair of roads, bridges, or buildings, three weeks' published notice shall be given, and also fifteen days' posted notice in the town where the construction is to be done. Such notice shall state the time and place of awarding the contract, and contain a brief description of the work. Every such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, shall be duly executed in writing, and the person to whom the same is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance. If no satis-

factory bid is received, the board may readvertise. Every contract made without compliance with the provisions of this section shall be void: Provided, that in case of the destruction of roads or bridges by floods or other casualty, or of unforeseen injuries or machinery in or connected with public buildings, where the public interest would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for bids"

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CHAPTER 18—H. F. No. 417

An act authorizing water, light, power and building commissions of certain villages of this state, to compensate existing members of the water, light, power and building commission for services rendered, where such services have heretofore received no compensation and have been continuous for a period of more than twenty-four years, and where the average surplus earnings of the commission for such period have equalled or exceeded the sum of \$10,000.00 and where there are surplus funds on hand to take care of such compensation.

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

Section 1. Compensation of water, light and power commission in certain counties.—The Water, Light, Power and Building Commission of every village in this state with a population of not less than 3,200, nor more than 3,500, according to the United States Government census of 1930, and with a total assessed valuation of not more than \$1,200,000.00, nor less than \$1,000,000.00, for the year 1934, is hereby authorized to compensate each member of said Commission in an amount not to exceed \$10.00 per month for each and every month of service on said Commission heretofore rendered, where such service has been continuous for a period of more than twenty-four years, and where no compensation for such service has heretofore been paid, and where the average net annual surplus earnings during the period of service of such member shall have equalled or exceeded the sum of \$10,000.00 provided, however, that no compensation shall be paid or allowed under this Act unless the said Commission has on hand a sufficient amount of cash to pay such compensation after taking care of all indebtedness and current obligations; and provided further, that any action of the Water, Light,