

county district, state, grand or national subdivision of such body or organization, or subordinate unit of such subdivisions thereof, shall be its corporate seal."

**Sec. 4. Corporate powers to cease upon revocation of charter.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 7940, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"7940. Whenever the charter of any such subordinate body shall be surrendered or taken away by the supreme body granting it, its corporate powers shall cease, except that it may sell and dispose of such of its property as is not designed for and used exclusively by said order, and collect debts, and all such property and debts shall be delivered up to said grand body, and be disposed of in accordance with its laws."

Approved April 5, 1937.

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#### CHAPTER 161—H. F. No. 404

*An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2903, relating to the hiring of teachers in school districts outside of cities of the first class. The termination of the employment of such teachers and defining the term "teacher" as used in said act.*

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

**Section 1. Powers of school board.**—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2903, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 2903. School boards shall hire teachers at meetings called for that purpose. No teacher related by blood or marriage, within the fourth degree, computed by the civil law, to a trustee shall be employed, except by a unanimous vote of the full board. The employment shall be by written contract, signed by the teacher, and in common districts, by at least two of the trustees; in special and independent districts, by the chairman and clerk. Such contract shall specify the wages per year, and shall remain in full force and effect except as modified by mutual consent of the school board and the teacher until terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the school board or by the written resignation of the teacher before April 1st. Such termination shall take effect at the close of the school year in which the contract is terminated in the manner aforesaid. Provided, further, that such contract may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of the school board and the teacher, and provided

*further that this act shall not affect the powers of a school board to discharge a teacher for cause under and pursuant to Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2815. Also that nothing herein shall be construed as preventing a teacher from recovering the value of his or her services from any school district, where such services were heretofore rendered by such teacher pursuant to oral agreement with the governing body of such school district." A superintendent, principal, supervisor, and classroom teacher and any other professional employee required to hold a certificate from the State Department of Education shall be deemed to be a "teacher" within the meaning of this act.*

**Sec. 2. Application of Act.**—This act shall not apply to any existing contract and shall not apply to any school district in a city of the first class.

**Sec. 3.** All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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#### CHAPTER 162—H. F. No. 356

*An act to amend Laws 1935, Chapter 369, Section 18, which act relates to establishing and maintaining uniform stages of water in lakes and bodies of water in the State of Minnesota by authorizing the county boards to appropriate money for certain purposes.*

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

**Section 1. County board may construct dams and dykes.**—That Laws 1935, Chapter 369, Section 18, be amended so as to read as follows:

*"Sec. 18. No proceedings shall be instituted under the provisions of this act whereby the state of Minnesota shall be assessed or charged for a portion or the whole of the cost of such improvement unless at the time of the institution of such proceedings, funds are available for the payment of the same. The boards of county commissioners may appropriate money to purchase such materials and supplies and to rent such equipment as may be necessary for the construction of dams, dykes and other works under the provisions of this act, and also on projects sponsored by the conservation department to be constructed by the several state and federal relief agencies."*

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

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