

CHAPTER 129—H. F. No. 707

An act to provide for the payment of salaries of all officers and employees semi-monthly and to provide for salary deductions in any county now or hereafter having a population of not less than 240,000, nor more than 350,000, inhabitants; and to repeal inconsistent acts.

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

Section 1. Salaries to be paid semi-monthly in certain counties.—In any county now or hereafter having a population of not less than 240,000, nor more than 350,000, inhabitants, the salaries of all officers and employees may be paid semi-monthly as directed by the board of county commissioners.

Sec. 2. County Auditor to make deductions.—The county auditor in any such county may make deductions from the compensation of any county officer or employee, by and with the consent of any such officer or employee, for payment to some other person, firm or corporation, when directed to do so by the board of county commissioners.

Sec. 3. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 1, 1939.

CHAPTER 130—H. F. No. 841

An act relating to the appropriation of money by the county commissioners in counties containing not less than 200 congressional townships and a population of not less than 200,000 and an assessed valuation, including moneys and credits, of not less than \$270,000,000, and having not less than 35 per cent of its land area consisting of vacant and unimproved lands to be used for the clearing of unimproved agricultural lands.

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

Section 1. County board may make appropriations for clearing land in certain counties.—The board of county commissioners of any county in this state containing not less than 200 congressional townships and a population of not less than 200,000 and an assessed valuation, including moneys and credits, of not less than \$270,000,000, and now having, or which

may hereafter have, not less than 35 per cent of its land area consisting of vacant and unimproved land is hereby authorized to appropriate and expend, from any and all funds of said county now on hand or hereafter accruing to the credit of the county, whether a specific levy for such purpose has been made or otherwise, a sum not to exceed \$15,000 and establish with said appropriation a revolving fund to enable said county board by resolution to purchase the necessary equipment and defray the cost of labor for operating the equipment in clearing and improving not to exceed ten acres of agricultural lands in any one year of lands of resident-owner-operators, as hereinafter provided, and upon such conditions of payment for and under such restrictions as the county board may deem proper.

Sec. 2. To make application to county board.—Any person coming under the provisions of this act, desiring their lands to be cleared of stumps and boulders with equipment using “angle dozers” or “bull dozers” shall first make application, on a form approved by the county board, with the county agricultural agent, which application shall provide among other things for the payment of the expense thereof by such person requesting such service. The county agricultural agent, and county auditor guided by available land classification information, shall determine whether the land is suitable for agricultural purposes and worth the cost of clearing; also whether the land is tax delinquent and make his recommendations on said application to the county board. The county board may then by resolution approve or reject the application, giving notice to applicant of same.

Sec. 3. Highway engineer to determine use of equipment.—The county highway engineer shall be furnished a copy of the resolution affirming or rejecting said application, which shall be filed according to townships wherein applicants reside. The manner, time, and place where county equipment shall be used for the clearing of land shall be determined by the highway engineer and no county equipment shall be used in any manner when required by regular county business.

Sec. 4. Not to be used on tax delinquent land.—No county equipment shall be used on land which is tax delinquent unless cash is paid at time of clearing at a rental rate to be determined by the county highway engineer, which rate shall be sufficient to cover labor, transportation, equipment, and other items incidental to clearing said land of applicant. Where tax on land of applicant is paid, upon approval of application by county board said land may be cleared by said equipment at

the rates determined, as hereinafter stated, by payment by the owner of the total cost at completion of clearing or upon the payment of 20 per cent of the estimated cost by the owner to the county treasurer before land clearing equipment goes on land, and balance shall be certified by highway engineer to the county auditor and he shall enter same upon his tax books as an assessment upon such land and shall be collected in the same manner that other real estate taxes are collected, except that said auditor shall spread said balance so as to be collected over a period of four years. Upon the collection of such rental price for such land clearing equipment, the same shall be credited to said revolving fund for use in continuing such land clearing.

Approved April 1, 1939.

CHAPTER 131—H. F. No. 875

An act relating to the fixing of minimum salaries for judges of the probate court in certain counties.

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

Section 1. Salary of Judge of Probate in certain counties.—In all counties of this state having a population of not less than 24,000, and not more than 25,000, inhabitants, according to the federal census for 1930, and having an assessed valuation of not less than \$14,000,000, including moneys and credits, for the year 1938, and having not less than 23 nor more than 25 full or fractional congressional townships, the minimum annual salary of the judge of the probate court shall be \$2,400 per annum.

Approved April 1, 1939.

CHAPTER 132—H. F. No. 1004

An act relating to the salaries of aldermen in cities now or hereafter having over 50,000 inhabitants and amending the 1938 Supplement to Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 1417-1.

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

Section 1. Salary of aldermen in certain cities.—The 1938