

Section 1. Emergency defined.—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2554, Subdivision 6, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The commissioner of highways may conduct the work or any part thereof, incidental to the construction and maintenance of the trunk highways by labor employed therefor or by contract. In cases of construction work, the Commissioner of Highways shall first advertise for bids for contracts and if no satisfactory bids are received, he shall have the right to reject all bids and readvertise or do the work by labor employed therefor. When work is to be let under contract he shall publish a notice to that effect, for three successive weeks prior to the date such bids are to be received, in such local newspaper or other periodicals as may be deemed advisable, provided that in case of emergency requiring immediate action, contract may be awarded without published notice.

Emergency shall be defined as the doing of such work on the highways of the State of Minnesota as is necessary for immediate action in order to maintain existing highways in a passable condition. Provided, no emergency shall be declared to exist except upon the written authority of the highway commissioner or his deputy."

Approved April 15, 1939.

CHAPTER 278—S. F. No. 1300

An act relating to the limitation of tax levies and expenditures in certain counties; and to amend Laws 1931, Chapter 102, Section 4.

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

Section 1. Limitation of tax levies and expenditures in certain counties.—Laws 1931, Chapter 102, Section 4, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 4. So long as any bonds issued pursuant hereto or any bonds issued in refundment of bonds issued pursuant hereto remain outstanding, unless a sum equal to the full principal and interest to maturity thereon be held in the sinking fund for the retirement thereof, the maximum amount of obligations incurred and expenditures made in any year shall not exceed \$70,000 for revenue fund purposes nor \$35,000 for poor

fund purposes, and the county board is authorized to levy during such period only such amount of taxes for such purposes as will produce such sum. In the event that taxes levied for such purposes shall exceed such sum for said respective funds, the excess shall be carried over and go to reduce the taxes for the next ensuing year for such purposes. *The limitation of levies of taxes and expenditures herein contained shall be controlling over any other provisions of law to the contrary.*"

Approved April 15, 1939.

CHAPTER 279—S. F. No. 1325

An act authorizing the sale of certain swamp lands in Koochiching county having frontage on a meandered stream.

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

Section 1. Commissioner of Conservation to sell certain lands.—The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized to offer for sale and to sell during 1939 Lot 8, (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 33, Township 69, Range 25, in the same manner as provided for the sale of other state swamp lands, notwithstanding the fact that such land may have frontage on a meandered stream.

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CHAPTER 280—S. F. No. 1380

An act to amend Laws 1935, Chapter 283, Section 1, relating to the salaries of clerks and employees in probate courts in counties having or which hereafter may have a population of more than 250,000 and less than 350,000 inhabitants.

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

Section 1. Salary of clerks and employees in probate court in certain counties.—That Laws 1935, Chapter 283, Section 1, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. In all counties of this state having, or which hereafter may have, a population of more than 250,000 and less than 350,000 inhabitants, the personnel of the probate court, other than the judge, shall consist of one clerk, two deputy