

"Section 2. The reasonable and necessary expenses of any such engineers, assistants and *employees* in said engineering department, while engaged in the performance of their duties, shall be paid by such county on duly itemized and verified bills in the same manner as other claims against said county are paid."

Approved April 20, 1939.

CHAPTER 319—H. F. No. 315

An act relating to clerk hire in county offices, including the office of probate judge.

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

Section 1. **Clerk hire in county offices in certain counties.**—In all counties of this state where the amount of clerk hire now or hereafter provided by law for any county office, including the office of probate judge, shall be insufficient to meet the requirements of said office, the county officer in need of additional clerk hire shall prepare a petition and statement setting forth therein the amount of additional clerk hire needed and file the same with the county auditor, who shall present the same to the board of county commissioners at the next meeting of said board. If the board of county commissioners shall grant said petition by unanimous vote of all members elected to the board then the amount of additional clerk hire requested in said petition shall thereupon become effective for said office. Said board shall act on any such petition within 60 days from the time it has been filed with the county auditor. If the board of county commissioners shall determine that the amount of additional clerk hire requested in said petition is excessive and more than is necessary for said office, it shall fix the amount of such additional clerk hire to be allowed, if any, and notify such officer thereof. If said county officer or any taxpayer of the county shall be dissatisfied with the decision of the board of county commissioners, he may, at his own expense, within ten days after the decision of said board, appeal to the district court. The district court, either in term or vacation and upon ten days notice to the chairman of the board of county commissioners, shall hear such appeal and summarily determine the amount

of additional clerk hire needed by an order, a copy of which shall be filed with the county auditor.

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CHAPTER 320—H. F. No. 508

An act relating to lands becoming the absolute property of the state through forfeiture for delinquent taxes in areas governed by the provisions of the 1938 Supplement to Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 4031-75 to 4031-88, inclusive, and 6452-1 to 6452-10, inclusive, 6452-12 and 6452-13.

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

Section 1. Classification of forfeited lands.—All parcels of land becoming the absolute property of the state under the provisions of the 1938 Supplement to Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2139-2, and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, situated within any conservation or reforestation area created under the provisions of the 1938 Supplement to Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 6452-1 to 6452-10, inclusive, 6452-12, 6452-13, or Sections 4031-75 to 4031-88, inclusive, shall be classified by the county board of the county wherein such parcels lie as agricultural and non-agricultural, which classification shall be approved by the conservation commissioner before any lands are offered for sale. The county board of the county wherein such parcels lie shall determine the appraised value of all lands classified and approved as agricultural and may re-appraise annually if in their judgment it be deemed necessary to carry out the intent of this act. Provided, further, that any merchantable timber on such agricultural land shall be appraised separately, and such appraisal approved by the conservation commissioner. All such parcels of land, classified as agricultural, shall be sold by the state at public sale, as hereinafter provided, whenever it shall be determined by the county board of the county wherein such parcels lie, that it is advisable to do so. Provided, however, that no such lands shall be sold by the board of county commissioners without the approval of the conservation commissioner. All sales of land shall be made in accordance with the subdivisions thereof by the United States surveys unless the same shall have been subdivided into smaller parcels or lots, but no land shall be sold in larger quantity than 160 acres.