

ment is made any taxes or assessments heretofore cancelled shall be reinstated and the amount of taxes and assessments that would have been levied subsequent to the date of the supposed forfeiture shall be assessed and levied against the land as omitted taxes, and the lien of the state for any such taxes or assessments may be enforced as in other cases where taxes are delinquent.

Sec. 9. Application of act.—Where prior to the passage of this act, any county has instituted proceedings leading to the sale of tax-forfeited lands pursuant to section 2139-15 of the 1938 Supplement to Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, and has ordered the first publication under Section 2139-16 of said supplement, and the said sale is to commence prior to May 15, 1939, the amendatory provisions of this act shall not be construed to prohibit such county from proceeding with such sale, and using a publication, a classification and an appraisal made pursuant to the law prior to its amendment by this act.

Sec. 10. County may quiet title.—That in all cases where a prospective purchaser advances the expense therefor said county auditor may employ a special attorney to act for the state of Minnesota in prosecuting to judgment an action to quiet title and a proceeding to register title of any tract of land which said prospective purchaser is interested in purchasing when the state shall have first procured a Torrens Certificate of title therefor; or for the purpose of procuring a new certificate of title in favor of the state of Minnesota by the necessary proceeding for that purpose where the title to the land is already registered under the Torrens System.

Sec. 11. Provisions severable.—The provisions of this act are hereby declared to be severable and if any section or part thereof shall be declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of this act shall not be affected thereby.

Approved April 20, 1939.

CHAPTER 329—H. F. No. 1240

An act to increase and enlarge the general powers of the village council of any village now or hereafter having a population of 10,000 inhabitants, according to the last federal census, and to authorize the establishment of an executive contingent fund.

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

Section 1. Powers of village council in certain villages.—The village council of any village now or hereafter having a population of more than 10,000 inhabitants may appropriate from the general fund of the village from time to time, an amount not exceeding \$2,500 in the aggregate in any one year to be known as the Village President's Contingent Fund, from which fund the Village President may pay such sums as he may deem necessary in case of necessity, to secure information and evidence of crime, and to arrest convicts and to relieve distress in the event of public calamity in this state, and for such other purpose for the welfare of the village as he may deem advisable.

Sec. 2. Limit of expenditures.—All expenditures for the purposes herein set forth shall be within the statutory limits of tax levies in such villages.

Sec. 3. Payments.—Payments from this fund shall be made in the same manner as in the case of other claims against such villages.

Approved April 20, 1939.

CHAPTER 330—H. F. No. 1278

An act relating to noxious weeds and amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 6157(b).

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

Section 1. Assistant weed inspectors.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 6157(b), is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"6157(b). Any town chairman may appoint a person to act as his assistant weed inspector, and such assistant inspector shall have all the powers and authority as the town chairman in the capacity of weed inspector and all conditions which apply to the remuneration of the inspector shall apply to the remuneration of the assistant inspector, and if the chairman appoints the other township supervisors, their compensation shall be the same as received for other township work executed by them, but shall be limited between 25 cents and 50 cents per hour, as specified in subsection (c) of this law. Such appointment may be for full time or any definite part of the time between the dates of May 15 and October 15 next following. Notice of such appointment together with a