

## CHAPTER 4—H. F. No. 81

*An act making the 1938 Supplement to Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927 prima facie evidence of the statutes therein contained.*

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

Section 1. **1938 supplement to be prima facie evidence.**—The 1938 Supplement to Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927 shall be prima facie evidence of the statutes therein contained.

Approved January 30, 1939.

✓ CHAPTER 5—H. F. No. 146

*An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 991, as amended by Extra Session Laws 1933 and 1934, Chapter 69, as amended by Laws 1935, Chapter 17, relating to contracts of county boards in counties of less than 75,000 inhabitants.*

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

Section 1. **Contracts of county boards in certain counties.**—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 991, as amended by extra session Laws 1933 and 1934, Chapter 69, as amended by Laws 1935, Chapter 17, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"991. In counties having *less than seventy-five thousand population*, no contract for *work or labor*, or for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, or other property, or for the construction or repair of *roads, bridges, or buildings*, the estimated cost or value of which shall exceed five hundred dollars, shall be made by the county board without first advertising for bids or proposals in some newspaper of the county. If for the purchase of property, or for work and labor, two weeks' published notice that proposals will be received, stating the time and place, shall be given. If for the construction or repair of roads, bridges, or buildings, three weeks' published notice shall be given, and also fifteen days' posted notice in the town where the construction is to be done. Such notice shall state the time and place of awarding the contract, and contain a brief description of the work. Every such contract shall be awarded

to the lowest responsible bidder, shall be duly executed in writing, and the person to whom the same is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise. Every contract made without compliance with the provisions of this section shall be void: Provided, that in case of the destruction of roads or bridges by floods or other casualty, or of unforeseen injuries to machinery in or connected with public buildings, where the public interests would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for bids.

Approved February 3, 1939.

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CHAPTER 6—H. F. No. 13

*Amend* An act to amend Laws 1937, Chapter 9, relating to tax levies for revenue purposes in certain counties.

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

**Section 1. Tax levy for revenue purposes in certain counties.**—Laws 1937, Chapter 9, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 1. In any county in this state now or hereafter having an area of not less than 43 nor more than 45 full or fractional congressional townships and a population of not less than 20,000 nor more than 30,000, according to the last Federal census, and an assessed valuation of less than \$13,000,000, exclusive of moneys and credits the county board may, *in the years 1939 and 1940*, levy taxes for general revenue purposes at such a rate and in such an amount in excess of existing limitations as will produce sufficient revenue to defray county expenses, payable out of the revenue fund; provided, *however*, that no levy shall be made at a rate that will produce more than \$85,000.00 in taxes collected and paid into the revenue fund of said county, which rate calculated to produce said amount shall be based on the percentage of the taxes, currently payable in the preceding year, which have been collected by