

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.

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

July first of the year in which the levies authorized hereby are made."

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CHAPTER 7—S. F. No. 53

An act relating to the granting of relief in certain cases during the emergency declared to exist; from inequitable foreclosure of mortgages on real estate and execution sales of real estate and for postponing certain sales and for extending the periods of redemption from certain others: and relating to the jurisdiction and procedure for such relief and for the right to possession during the extended period, and for limiting the right to maintain actions for deficiency judgments.

WHEREAS, the severe financial and economic depression existing for several years past has resulted in extremely low prices for the products of the farms and the factories, a great amount of unemployment, and almost complete lack of credit for farmers, business men and property owners and a general and extreme stagnation of business, agriculture and industry; and

WHEREAS, a condition of subnormal rainfall has existed in the State of Minnesota for several years, and this condition has greatly reduced the total products of the farms in Minnesota during the past two years; and

WHEREAS, many owners of real property, by reason of said conditions, are unable, and it is believed will for some time be unable to meet all payments as they come due of taxes, interest and principal of mortgages on their properties, and are, therefore, threatened with loss of such properties through mortgage foreclosure and judicial sales thereof; and

WHEREAS, many such properties have been and are being bid in at mortgage foreclosure and execution sales for prices much below what is believed to be their real values and often for much less than the mortgage or judgment indebtedness, thus entailing deficiency judgments against the mortgage and judgment debtors, and

WHEREAS, it is believed, and the Legislature of Minnesota hereby declares its belief, that the conditions existing as hereinbefore set forth have created an emergency of such na-