

shall be construed to limit or extend the powers or limitations with respect to levies for or expenditures from other funds by the village or commission for the operation of the water and light department, or for replacements, additions or extensions to such system from such funds.

Sec. 5. Change in population not to affect act.—Any village which is now subject to the provisions of this act shall remain subject thereto notwithstanding subsequent changes in population or valuation.

Sec. 6. Effective October 1, 1941.—This act shall take effect commencing October 1, 1941.

Approved April 16, 1941.

CHAPTER 280—H. F. No. 1355

An act relating to hybrid seed corn; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Sections 3957-22 and 3957-24.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3957-22, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“3957-22. **Specifications for hybrid seed corn.**—It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer or expose for sale within the state of Minnesota any seed corn as “hybrid” unless the said seed answers to and complies with the definition of hybrid seed corn contained in Section 1 hereof; and unless there is attached to each sack, bag, or other container of such corn a label specifying that the corn contained therein is the product of either a single cross, a three-way cross or a double cross, as the case may be; and said label shall state the year, county and state in which said hybrid corn was raised and state approximately the number of days of growing season required from emergence of the corn plant above the ground to maturity in the section in Minnesota where said corn is intended to be grown, as hereinafter provided. *Effective August 1, 1941, in determining such number of days, the findings of the Minnesota experimental station shall govern.*”

Sec. 2. Law amended.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 3957-24, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“3957-24. **Record of hybrid seed corn varieties.**—*Subdivision 1. Effective August 1, 1941, a record of each hybrid*

seed corn variety shall be filed by the originator or owner thereof with the commissioner of agriculture and dairy and food, and for each such filing he shall collect a fee of \$2.00. Annually thereafter he shall issue a renewal of such filing for a fee of \$1.00. Said fees shall be deposited with the state treasury as other departmental receipts are deposited and shall constitute and be a part of the separate account known as the "seed act account" created by Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Sections 3957-1 to 3957-12, inclusive, as amended.

Subdivision 2. The commissioner of agriculture and dairy and food is hereby charged with the duty and responsibility of enforcing the provisions of this act.

Approved April 16, 1941.

CHAPTER 281—H. F. No. 1378

An act relating to the organization and administration of state government, amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 53-18f (b).

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

Section 1. Law amended—Contracts for fibre used in the manufacture of binding twine.—That Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 53-18f (b), is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"(b) If the amount of the expenditure or sale is estimated to exceed \$500, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice inserted once each week for two successive weeks in a newspaper or trade journal of general circulation in the territory from which bids are likely to be received before the final date of submitting bids. The commissioner shall designate the newspaper or trade journal for such publication, and may designate different newspapers or journals according to the nature of the purchase or contract. The commissioner shall also solicit sealed bids by sending notices by mail to all prospective bidders known to him, and by posting notice on a public bulletin board in his office at least five days before the final date of submitting bids. All bids shall be sealed when received, shall be opened in public at the hour stated in the notice, and all original bids together with all documents pertaining to the award of a contract shall be retained and made a part of a permanent file or record, and shall be open