

and for as long as he sees fit reduce the number of clerks in his office and that the salary amounts which may be saved together with whatever has been saved during such year through necessary vacancies, among other deputies, clerks and assistants of either county treasurer's or auditor's office, may to any extent needful in any case, be used in the same year by hiring extra help at not to exceed the same rate for any of the regular work of his office when the same is greater or more hurried than is common throughout the year. And provided further that no such sums or any part thereof as herein provided, shall at any time be used to increase the salaries of any of the *employees* provided for in this act."

Sec. 2. Effective May 1, 1941.—This act shall be in force and effect from and after May 1, 1941.

Approved April 28, 1941.

CHAPTER 527—H. F. No. 1597

An act relating to elections with particular references to names on ballots; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 601-6 (7) j.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 601-6 (7) j, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"601-6 (7) j. **Form, style and size of ballots.**—Like squares shall be placed at the left of the blank lines, and on such lines the voter may write the names of persons for whom he desires to vote whose names are not printed, and in the squares opposite the same he may make marks as in the case of printed names. The first name printed for each office, or group of names if more than one is to be voted for for the same office, shall be that of the candidate of the political party which at the last preceding general election polled the largest number of votes, the same to be determined by the average vote received by such of its candidates as were not endorsed by any other political party; and, in case all of the state candidates of any political party were endorsed or renominated by another political party, the position of the candidates of either such nominating or endorsing political party shall be determined by taking the average vote of its

candidates at the last preceding election wherein they were not so endorsed. In like manner the second and succeeding lines shall be filled with the names of candidates of the other political parties receiving respectively the highest number of votes.

When the surnames of two or more candidates for the same or different offices appearing on the same ballot at any election are the same, each such candidate shall have added thereto not to exceed three words, indicating his occupation and residence, and upon such candidate furnishing to the officer preparing the official ballot such words, they shall be printed on the ballot with and as are the names of the candidates and immediately after his name."

Approved April 28, 1941.

CHAPTER 528—H. F. No. 1602

An act authorizing the continuation of an interim committee to investigate problems of education in Minnesota, to make such recommendations as the facts may warrant, and providing for an appropriation for such purposes.

WHEREAS, Laws of 1939, Chapter 331, provide for the establishment of an interim committee on education to study and investigate the educational needs of the people of Minnesota; to assemble information relative to the educational system of the state including types and levels of educational institutions and agencies; to assemble information relative to the educational and financial problems involved in the program of public education; to study the advisability of codifying existing educational statutes; and to study other relevant matter that its wisdom and judgment may dictate or which its investigation may prove necessary, such as the general problem of state aid and effective units of administration; and

WHEREAS, the interim committee on education has made as careful and thorough a study of the educational problems of the state as its time would permit, including codification of the school laws of the state embodied in Laws of 1941, Chapter 169; and