

of less than 75,000 inhabitants, may by written order to be filed in the office of the county auditor allow one deputy register of deeds in such county, compensation for his or her services as such deputy, not exceeding \$900.00 per year. Provided, that in all counties in this state now or hereafter containing not less than 22 and not more than 25 organized towns (not intending cities and villages), and which counties now have or hereafter may have a population of not less than 29,000 and not more than 33,000 inhabitants, according to the last preceding federal or state census, the county board may, by written order to be filed in the office of the county auditor, allow one deputy register of deeds in such county, the compensation for his or her services as such deputy not exceeding \$1500.00 per year.

Sec. 2. **Effective date.**—This act shall be effective from and after *May 1, 1943*, and in each county of the state having a population of not less than 29,000 inhabitants and not more than 33,000 inhabitants, according to the last federal census, in which a deputy register of deeds has actually been paid a salary in excess of the amount allowed by law but not in excess of the amount fixed by said Laws 1927, Chapter 207, such payments of salary are legalized and made valid.

Approved April 16, 1943.

CHAPTER 466—H. F. No. 1227.

An act relating to motor vehicle number plates, providing for the amendment of a certain contract for the manufacture thereof, and ratifying certain acts and payments thereunder.

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

Section 1. **Certain contracts continued.**—The contract made and entered into on July 31, 1942, by and between the State of Minnesota and Gopher Stamp & Die Company for the manufacture of certain number plates or tabs is hereby amended effective as of the date thereof to provide for the manufacture of such tabs with indented or depressed serial numbers instead of embossed or raised serial numbers, provided that the Gopher Stamp & Die Company file with the registrar of motor vehicles an acceptance, the form and execution thereof to be approved by the attorney general, consenting to the amendment of the contract as herein provided.

Sec. 2. Acts of officers and payments validated.—All acts of officers of the state with reference to said contract heretofore performed and all payments heretofore made thereunder are hereby ratified and approved.

Approved April 16, 1943.

CHAPTER 467—H. F. No. 1248.

An act relating to judgments on real estate for delinquent taxes.

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

Section 1. Real estate tax judgments validated.—In all cases where any county has taken new judgments for the 1938 taxes, on lands delinquent for the first time in 1932, as authorized by Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 2164-4c, and where such judgments have been taken in conformity with all of the provisions of said section, except that said judgments were taken in 1941 instead of in 1940, the same are hereby legalized and made valid, to the extent that they would have been valid if taken in the year 1940.

Approved April 16, 1943.

CHAPTER 468—H. F. No. 1310.

An act relating to abandoned or neglected cemeteries and allowing the county board to appropriate funds for the care and maintenance thereof.

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

Section 1. Maintenance and improvement of abandoned cemeteries.—Whenever in any county, whether within the corporate limits of any town or village or not, there exists any cemetery that has been abandoned or neglected and the association having had charge of said cemetery has disbanded or fails to act, the county board of any county may appropriate such funds from the