

CHAPTER 556—H. F. No. 1443.

(AMENDING SECTION 16.07 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to the organization and administration of state government, the powers of the commissioner of administration and competitive bidding, amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 53-18f, as amended by Laws 1941, Chapter 478, by adding new provisions thereto.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 53-18f, as amended by Laws 1941, Chapter 478, is hereby amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(g) 1. **Purchases of certain supplies without competitive bids.**—The commissioner of administration, with the approval of the governor, may establish by regulation categories of supplies, materials or equipment which may be purchased in the open market, provided that the commissioner of administration or the director of purchases shall certify after investigation that he cannot secure competitive bids therefor.

Sec. 2. **Applicable only for duration.**—The provisions of this subdivision shall expire six months after the cessation of hostilities in the present war as declared by proper federal authority.

Approved April 21, 1943.

CHAPTER 557—H. F. No. 721.

An act providing for the joint exercise of powers by counties, cities, villages, boroughs, towns, and school districts.

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

Section 1. **Joint exercise of powers—agreement.**—Two or more governmental units, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties. The term "governmental unit" as used in this act includes every city, village, borough, county, town, and school district.

Sec. 2. **Agreement to state purpose.**—Such agreement shall state the purpose of the agreement or the power to be exercised and it shall provide for the method by which the purpose sought

shall be accomplished or the manner in which the power shall be exercised.

Sec. 3. Disbursement of funds.—The parties to such agreement may provide for disbursements from public funds to carry out the purposes of the agreement. Funds may be paid to and disbursed by such agency as may be agreed upon, but the method of disbursement shall agree as far as practicable with the method provided by law for the disbursement of funds by the parties to the agreement. Strict accountability of all funds and report of all receipts and disbursements shall be provided for.

Sec. 4. Termination of agreement.—Such agreement may be continued for a definite term or until rescinded or terminated in accordance with its terms.

Sec. 5. Shall provide for distribution of property.—Such agreement shall provide for the disposition of any property acquired as the result of such joint exercise of powers, and the return of any surplus moneys in proportion to contributions of the several contracting parties after the purpose of the agreement has been completed.

Sec. 6. Residence requirement.—Residence requirements for holding office in any governmental unit shall not apply to any officer appointed to carry out any such agreement.

Sec. 7. Not to affect other acts.—This act does not dispense with procedural requirements of any other act providing for the joint exercise of any governmental power.

Approved April 22, 1943.

CHAPTER 558—H. F. No. 790.

An act relating to the salaries of county commissioners in certain counties; amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 656 (N), being Laws 1937, Chapter 333.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—That Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 656 (N), being Laws 1937, Chapter 333, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Salary of county board in certain counties.—In each county of this state, now or hereafter having a population