

the total state road and bridge fund provided and expended during such year.

In the doing of the work provided herein, the commissioner of highways may contract with governmental subdivisions of the state for the performance thereof and such governmental subdivisions are hereby authorized to undertake and perform such work and to enter into contracts with the commissioner of highways for the performance and responsibility thereof upon such terms as may be agreed upon.

Approved February 27, 1943.

CHAPTER 92—S. F. No. 458

An act relating to a department of highways contingent fund and providing for its use.

WHEREAS, for many years there has been available to the department of highways out of moneys appropriated for trunk highway purposes, a contingent fund under the control of the commissioner of highways; and

WHEREAS, the use of said fund has facilitated and expedited the business of the department of highways particularly in the handling of garnishments, emergency labor payrolls, expense accounts of employes, and departmental litigation; and

WHEREAS, it is to the best interests of the State of Minnesota that said contingent fund be continued in use and operation.

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

Section 1. Contingent fund for Department of Highways.—The state auditor and the state treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to continue to make available to the department of highways out of moneys in the state treasury appropriated for trunk highway purposes the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00), or such lesser amount as the commissioner of highways may request to be used by said department as a contingent fund, subject however, to such rules and regulations for its use as may be prescribed by the commissioner of administration.

Sec. 2. Commissioner to expend moneys.—The commissioner of highways is hereby authorized to use the moneys in the contingent fund for trunk highway purposes in facilitating and

expediting the business of the department of highways, particularly in the handling of garnishments, emergency labor payrolls, expense accounts of employes, and in departmental litigation, and all acts of the commissioner of highways heretofore performed in the use of said fund are hereby in all things recognized and confirmed.

Approved March 1, 1943.

CHAPTER 93—H. F. No. 63

An act authorizing the appointment of a deputy treasurer in villages.

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

Section 1. Deputy Treasurer in villages.—The treasurer of any village may appoint a deputy treasurer who shall serve as treasurer during the treasurer's disability or absence from the village. The deputy treasurer shall receive such compensation and shall furnish such bond as the council determines. The premium on his bond may be paid from the general fund of the village.

Approved March 2, 1943.

CHAPTER 94—H. F. No. 302

(AMENDING SECTION 375.33 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to county libraries; amending Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 673, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 673, Subdivision 3, is amended to read as follows:

Subdivision 3. Contract with present library board.—If there is a free public library in the county, the board of county commissioners *may* contract with the board of directors of such library, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between such boards, for the use of such library by all residents