

CHAPTER 167—H. F. No. 344

An act relating to the acquisition by political subdivisions of the state of equipment, supplies, materials or other property from the federal government.

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

Section 1. Certain property may be acquired from federal government. Any county, city, village, borough, town, school district, or other political subdivision of the state may enter into any contract with the United States of America or with any agency thereof for the purchase, lease or other acquisition of equipment, supplies, materials or other property without regard to statutory or charter provisions which require the posting of notices or public advertising for bids or of expenditures, the inviting or receiving of competitive bids, or the delivery of purchases before payment.

Sec. 2. The governing body of any political subdivision of the state may designate by appropriate resolution or order any officer or employee of its own to enter a bid or bids in its behalf at any sale of equipment, supplies, material or other property owned by the United States of America or any agency thereof and may authorize him to make any down payment, or payment in full, required in connection with such bidding.

Approved March 28, 1945.

CHAPTER 168—H. F. No. 370

An act relating to the apportionment and use of monies accruing to the state road and bridge fund from the excise tax on gasoline; Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 296.33.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 296.33, is hereby amended to read as follows :

296.33. Funds, by whom apportioned. On or before the first Tuesday in April of each year the commissioner of highways, the state treasurer, and the state auditor shall estimate the probable sum of money that will accrue during the current calendar year to the state road and bridge fund from the excise tax on gasoline, and after first setting aside \$1,200,000 to be

expended for state aid roads, and a sum, not exceeding \$25,000, which is hereby appropriated annually from such fund, to reimburse the trunk highway fund for the cost of maintaining a county highway division in the department of highways, shall apportion the balance of the sum among the several counties of the state for county aid roads as herein provided in Sections 296.32 to 296.42 and the commissioner of highways shall forthwith send a statement of such apportionment to the state auditor and to the county auditor of each county showing the amount apportioned to each county during such year for county aid roads.

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CHAPTER 169—H. F. No. 481

An act relating to state public lands sold and thereafter forfeited for nonpayment of taxes.

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

Section 1. When certificate of release from trusts issued by commissioner. Whenever it shall appear (1) that the terms of a certificate of sale of state public lands have been fully complied with so as to have entitled the owner to a patent under the terms of the certificate, (2) that such patent has not been issued and (3) that after such compliance, such lands were forfeited to the state for nonpayment of taxes accruing after such compliance, the commissioner shall, upon resolution of the board of county commissioners of the county in which said lands lie, issue a certificate reciting that there was compliance with the terms of the certificate of sale prior to such forfeiture, and releasing such lands from the trust attached thereto prior to their sale as state public lands.

Sec. 2. Delivery of certificate. Such certificate shall be delivered to the county auditor and be by him placed on record with the register of deeds without payment of any recording fee.

Sec. 3. Status of other tax forfeited lands. Thereafter the title and status of such lands from the date of forfeiture shall be the same as that of other tax forfeited lands.

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