

Sec. 7. Classed as county employees. Veterans service officers and assistant veterans service officers appointed hereunder are employees of the counties by which they are employed, and are under the exclusive jurisdiction and control of such counties and the department of veterans affairs as herein provided.

Sec. 8. Temporary employee. If a person with the qualifications prescribed by this act is not available, the county board may appoint a temporary veterans service officer without such qualifications. The authority to make appointments under this section and the term of office or employment of any person appointed under it shall expire 90 days after cessation of hostilities in the present war as declared by proper federal authority.

Approved March 12, 1945.

CHAPTER 97—H. F. No. 777

An act relating to drainage proceedings and civil engineers therein, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 106.05.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 106.05, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"106.05. Engineer; appointment, oath, bond. Upon the filing of the petition and bond, the county board, in a county drainage proceeding, or the judge of the district court, in a judicial drainage proceeding, shall, within 30 days thereafter, by order appoint a competent and experienced civil engineer and direct him to proceed and examine into and report, within the time fixed in the order, to the board or court all matters necessary and essential to disclose the practicability, necessity, and advisability of the construction of the proposed improvement. The engineer so appointed shall within ten days thereafter take and subscribe an oath to faithfully perform the duties assigned to him according to the best of his ability, and give a bond in the sum of not less than \$5,000 with good and sufficient surety, payable to the county or counties affected by the proposed improvement, for the benefit of the county or counties, and for the use of all parties aggrieved or injured by any negligence or malfeasance on the part of the engineer

so long as he is in any manner employed in the proceedings, conditioned that he will diligently, honestly, and to the best of his skill and ability, during the full period of his employment, perform his duties as such engineer in the proceeding, this bond to be approved by the auditor or clerk, as the case may be. In case of a change of engineers, each new engineer shall make and file the oath and bond provided for herein. *Provided, however, that where the engineer so appointed is an employée of the United States Department of Agriculture as a soil conservation engineer, the bond herein provided for may be waived by the appointing authority.*"

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CHAPTER 98—S. F. No. 79

An act relating to the reinstatement of cancelled certificates of the purchase of tax forfeited lands.

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

Section 1. Reinstatement of tax-forfeited certificate. Whenever a County Auditor's certificate of the sale of tax forfeited lands upon installments has been cancelled for the failure to pay any of the deferred installments and interest or the current taxes, the purchaser having paid 50 per cent or more of the purchase price, if such lands have not been sold or zoned so as to restrict the sale thereof, the said purchaser may reinstate such certificate by depositing with the County Auditor all delinquent installments and interest due upon such certificate at the time of the cancellation thereof, those installments and interest that would have accrued in the absence of such cancellation, together with an amount equal to all unpaid taxes, penalties, interest and costs up to the date of the cancellation thereof, and an amount equal to the taxes and assessments that would have been levied and payable but for the cancellation of such certificates; such taxes shall be computed by the county auditor as in the case of omitted taxes that would have been assessed between the date of the cancellation of such certificate and the reinstatement thereof.

Sec. 2. Auditor's record; payment to treasurer; tax levy. Thereupon the county auditor shall note the reinstatement upon his records and shall pay over to the county treasurer