Dwellings. In dwellings hereafter erected no room in the cellar shall be occupied for living purposes.

- Subd. 2. Apartment. In dwellings hereafter erected no room in the basement shall be occupied for living purposes, except by the janitor of such dwelling and the members of his family. In addition to the other requirements of this chapter, such rooms shall have sufficient light and ventilation, shall be well drained and dry and shall be fit for human habitation.
- Subd. 3. Exceptions during national emergency. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subdivisions 1 and 2, during the present national emergency arising from the acute shortage of living accommodations, but in no event later than January 1, 1951, the owner of any newly constructed cellar or basement may occupy such cellar or basement for living purposes provided that not more than one dwelling unit shall be so occupied in any one building or structure.

Approved April 5, 1947.

## CHAPTER 255-H. F. No. 849

An act relating to the powers of the county board of commissioners, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 375.19.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 375.19, is amended to read as follows:

375.19. Additional powers. In addition to all other powers now or hereafter by law conferred upon county boards, authority hereby is given to receive and accept for their counties real or personal property by gift, bequest, devise, conveyance, or otherwise from any person whose care, support, treatment, or maintenance, in whole or in part, is or may be chargeable to or furnished or provided by such counties, and to hold or dispose of the same for the benefit of their counties, as by law provided in the case of other county property; to permit use of county equipment for soil conservation projects and to make expenditures from the general revenue fund for soil conservation purposes not exceeding an aggregate amount

of one cent per acre of all lands included within soil conservation districts in the county.

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## CHAPTER 256—H. F. No. 908 [Not Coded]

An act relating to the powers of the board of county commissioners in certain counties to build a county building, acquire the necessary ground therefor, and purchase inecessary furniture and equipment for such building, and to levy a tax to pay for the cost thereof.

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

- Section 1. Addition to present court house. Any county now or hereafter having an area of not less than 41, nor more than 43, whole and fractional congressional townships and an assessed valuation of not less than \$6,000,000, nor more than \$12,000,000, exclusive of money and credits, and a population of not less than 25,000, nor more than 30,000, according to the 1940 federal census, may construct as an addition to the present court house, or as a separate structure, a building to be used for the administration of the affairs of the county, and for the purpose of a court house, and may acquire the necessary ground therefor and purchase necessary furniture, fixtures and equipment to be used therein and in connection therewith, whenever the board of county commissioners of such county decides the same to be necessary by resolution.
- Sec. 2. Space designated as war memorial. A building constructed under the authority of this act may be designed to contain a room or rooms and facilities suitable and appropriate as a war memorial, and the board of county commissioners may designate all or any part of such building a war memorial. Such war memorial may be used as a meeting place for local or county units of any war veterans organization chartered by the Congress of the United States, and for such civic and recreational functions as the board of county commissioners shall from time to time determine.
- Sec. 3. Issuance of Bonds. If the board of county commissioners of any county has decided the construction of such a building is necessary under the authority of this