

purposes shall be *ten* mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the county.

Approved March 25, 1949.

CHAPTER 189—S. F. No. 690

An act relating to powers and duties of the commissioner of administration with regard to competitive bidding, contracts and purchases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 16.07, Subdivisions 2 and 3; and Section 16.10.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 16.07, subdivisions 2 and 3, are amended to read as follows :

1607. Competitive bids. Subd. 2. Publication of notice for bids. If the amount of the expenditure or sale is estimated to exceed \$1,000.00, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice inserted once each week for two successive weeks in a newspaper or trade journal of general circulation in the territory from which bids are likely to be received before the final date of submitting bids. The commissioner shall designate the newspaper or trade journal for such publication, and may designate different newspapers or journals according to the nature of the purchase or contract. The commissioner shall also solicit sealed bids by sending notices by mail to all prospective bidders known to him, and by posting notice on a public bulletin board in his office at least five days before the final date of submitting bids. All bids shall be sealed when received, shall be opened in public at the hour stated in the notice, and all original bids together with all documents pertaining to the award of a contract shall be retained and made a part of a permanent file or record, and shall be open to public inspection. This subdivision shall not apply to the purchase of fibre used in the manufacture of binder twine, ply twines, and rope at the state penal institutions, which shall be purchased in accordance with such regulations as the commissioner may prescribe, requiring competitive bids as far as practicable.

Subd. 3. Post all notices. All purchases or sales estimated to exceed in amount \$300.00 but not to exceed \$1,000.00, shall be made after receipt of sealed bids following at least

three days' notice posted on a public bulletin board in the office of the commissioner. The commissioner shall also solicit sealed bids by mail in such cases, in like manner as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 16.10, is amended so as to read as follows:

16.10. **Signed by head of department.** Except as otherwise provided in Sections 16.01 to 16.23, every contract shall be signed in behalf of the state by the head of the interested department or agency, and no purchase order or contract shall be valid or effective without the approval and signature of the commissioner and the counter-signature of the auditor, who shall certify that the appropriation and allotment have been encumbered for the full amount of the contract liability.

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CHAPTER 190—S. F. No. 254

An act relating to salaries of court reporters and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 486.05, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 177, Section 1, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 486.05, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 177, Section 1, Subdivision 1, is hereby amended to read as follows:

486.05. **Salaries.** Subdivision 1. **How fixed.** The judge, by an order filed with the county auditors annually on or before the first Monday in May, 1949, and on or before the first Monday in January, annually thereafter, shall fix and establish the salary of the court reporter at an amount not exceeding \$4,700 per year and, in such order, shall apportion the salaries of the reporters in their respective districts among the several counties, and each county shall be required by such order to pay a specified amount thereof in monthly installments, which amount shall be such proportion of the whole salary as the number of days' work actually done by the reporter in the trial of cases in that county during the