Section 1. Laws 1949, Chapter 620, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. Clerk of district court; salary, clerk hire. In any county now or hereafter containing not less than 19 nor more than 21 organized townships and having not less than 37,000 nor more than 41,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census, and having property of a taxable value for the year 1950 exclusive of money and credits of not less than \$20,000,000 and not more than \$23,000,000, the annual salary of the clerk of the district court shall be \$3,000 plus the fees accruing to and collected through the office of the clerk. The amount of clerk hire in such office shall be \$5,000 annually, and such additional sums as may be allowed by order of the district court.

Approved April 12. 1951.

CHAPTER 326-H. F. No. 1364

An act relating to the operation of county hospitals and amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 376.06.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 376.06, is amended to read as follows:

376.06 Operation of hospital. The county board of any county having erected buildings for hospital purposes, as provided in sections 376.01 to 376.06, may operate the same as such hospital, appoint a superintendent therefor for a term to be fixed by it, fix his salary, and at pleasure remove him, prescribe his powers and duties, provide for the management and operation of such hospital, and shall operate, control, and manage the same. In addition thereto, if the board shall determine that it is in the interest of the public so to do, it may appoint a hospital board of not less than three, nor more than nine members, who shall serve without compensation, and who shall be resident freeholders of the county wherein such hospital is located, and may, subject to its supervision,

commit the care, management, and operation of such hospital to such hospital board so created, and may provide for the organization of such hospital board, its duties and the duties of the members thereof, and such further regulation in reference thereto and to the management, operation, and control of such hospital as may be proper, necessary, or desirable, or it may lease and let unto a responsible hospital association such hospital grounds and buildings upon such terms as it may deem advisable. Sections 376.01 to 376.06 shall not be construed as authorizing or permitting any county board to erect any such hospital buildings or to pay for the same without first submitting the question to the vote of the people, as herein provided, and no such erection of buildings or payment therefor shall be made unless a majority of the electors voting upon such proposition at an election vote in favor thereof.

Approved April 12, 1951.

CHAPTER 327—H. F. No. 1370

[Coded as Section 375.43]

An act relating to increases in the salaries of elective county officers in counties with a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants according to the 1940 federal census, including judges of the probate courts but excluding clerks of the district courts, on the basis of increases in the cost of living and repealing Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 375.055, Subdivision 7; Section 384.151, Subdivision 4; Section 385.373, Subdivision 4; Section 388.18, Subdivision 3; Section 526.127, and Laws 1949, Chapter 477, Section 2; Chapter 551, Section 5; Chapter 552, Section 5.

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

[375.43] Section 1. Salary increases; county commissioners, auditors, treasurers, county attorneys, judges of probate, in certain counties. [Subdivision 1] Resolution of county board. The county board of each county with a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants according to the 1940 federal census, may, at any time after the passage of this act, adopt a resolution providing salary increases, based upon the increases in the cost of living, for the elective county officers