

district for a term of two years, and one from each even-numbered district for a term of four years; and thereafter all commissioners shall be elected for a term of four years, except that elections or appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term only. In counties having a population of more than 150,000, every such commissioner, before he enters upon his duties, shall give bond to the state in the sum of \$10,000, with a legally authorized surety company as surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of his official duties. Such bond shall be approved by a judge of the district court, and together with his oath of office and certificate of election, be filed with the *secretary of state*. The premium on the bond shall not exceed that prescribed by law for county treasurers, and shall be paid by the county.

Approved March 22, 1951.

CHAPTER 103—H. F. No. 164

[Coded as Section 616.253]

An act relating to fires caused by smoking and providing penalty therefor.

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

[616.253] Section 1. **Setting fire to hotel belongings.** Subdivision 1. **Penalty.** Any person in any hotel, rooming house, lodging house or other place of public abode who, by smoking or attempting to light or to smoke cigarettes, cigars, pipes or tobacco, in any manner in which lighters or matches are employed, shall in a careless or negligent manner set fire to any bedding, furniture, curtains, drapes, house or any household fittings, or any part of any building of the class hereinbefore set forth, so as to endanger life or property in any way, or to any extent, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not to exceed 90 days.

Sec. 2. Subd. 2. **Notice required.** In each sleeping room of all hotels, rooming houses, lodging houses and other

places of public abode, a plainly printed notice shall be kept posted in a conspicuous place advising tenants of the provisions of this act.

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CHAPTER 104—H. F. No. 321

An act relating to tax levies in villages; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 412.251.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 412.251, is amended to read:

412.251. **Annual tax levy.** The council shall make its annual tax levy by resolution within the per capita limits established by statute. The amount of taxes levied for general village purposes shall not exceed *35 mills on each dollar* of the assessed valuation of the property taxable in the village in *villages having an assessed valuation of less than \$500,000 and 30 mills on each dollar in villages having an assessed valuation of more than \$500,000.* In calculating such limit property used for homestead purposes shall be figured as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 273.13, Subdivision 7, Paragraph 2. The following taxes may be levied in addition to the *levies above* authorized:

(1) A tax for the payment of principal and interest on outstanding obligations of the village as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Sections *475.61, 475.73 and 475.74.*

(2) A tax for the payment of judgments as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 465.14.

(3) A tax for the support and relief of the poor, as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 263.05.

(4) A maximum of one mill but not to exceed \$500 to provide musical entertainment to the public in public buildings or on public grounds.