

take precedence over all other work. In case of the absence or sickness or other disability of such judge preventing him from the performance of his duties, the judges of the district court of such district may designate or assign one of the other judges of the district court to perform the duties of such judge during his absence or disability. Vacancies in such office shall be filled in like manner as is now or shall be provided by law for the filling of vacancies in the office of other judges of the district court. The judge of such court may be designated in writing by the Governor to the regular or ordinary duties of a judge of the district court without such designation affecting the term of office to which such person was elected.

Approved April 12, 1951.

CHAPTER 343—S. F. No. 945

An act relating to competitive bids; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 16.07, Subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 16.07, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

16.07 Subd. 4. **Competitive bids or open market.** All purchases or sales the amount of which is estimated to be less than \$300 may be made either upon competitive bids or in the open market, in the discretion of the commissioner; but, so far as practicable, shall be based on at least three competitive bids which shall be permanently recorded. All rentals of equipment and animals with operators or drivers furnished the amount of which is estimated to be less than \$300 in any 30-day period shall be made in accordance with rules prescribed by the commissioner.

Approved April 12, 1951.

CHAPTER 344—S. F. No. 948

An act relating to authorized securities, amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 50.14, Subdivision 4.