

circulated in the town, of the time and place of receiving bids. In cases of special emergency, amounts in excess of \$500 may be expended without such notice being given. In towns having less than 25 legal voters, the officers may be employed upon road work by the day at such price as may have been fixed for such work by the town at its annual meeting. Every contract made and payment voted or made contrary to the provisions of this section shall be void and any such officer violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, in addition to the provisions prescribed by law, removed from office.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 412.311, is amended to read as follows:

412.311. **Contracts.** *Except as provided in Laws 1951, Chapter 379, no member of a village council shall be directly or indirectly interested in any contract made by the council. Every contract for the purchase of merchandise, materials or equipment or for any kind of construction work undertaken by the village which requires an expenditure of \$500 or more shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, after ten days' public notice.*

Sec. 6. **Validation of certain acts and contracts.** Any sale, lease, or contract heretofore made in any of the cases included in Section 2 and any acts done in connection therewith are hereby legalized and ratified against the objection that an official was unlawfully interested in the sale, lease, or contract; provided, that if a resolution and affidavit would be required in such cases under this act, the sale, lease, or contract or acts done in connection therewith shall not be legalized and ratified until the requirements of Section 3 have been complied with.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 125.07, Subdivision 4, and Section 620.04, are repealed.

Approved April 16, 1951.

CHAPTER 380—S. F. No. 1023

[Coded as Section 100.29, Subd. 22]

An act relating to wild animals, prohibiting the taking

of wild animals with firearms within 500 feet of certain structures and enclosures and within 500 feet of any burning area.

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

[100.29, Subd. 22] Section 1. It shall be unlawful to take any wild animal on any agricultural land with a firearm within 500 feet of any building occupied by a human being or by livestock, or within 500 feet of any stockade or corral containing livestock without the consent or permission of the owner or occupant of such premises, or within 500 feet of any burning area.

Approved April 16, 1951.

CHAPTER 381—H. F. No. 1036

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the salary, fees, and commissions of the county auditor in each county now or hereafter having a population of more than 150,000 and an area of over 5,000 square miles.

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

Section 1. **St. Louis county auditor, salary.** In each county in this state now or hereafter having a population of more than 150,000 and an area of over 5,000 square miles the county auditor shall receive an annual salary of \$7,000 as full compensation for all services. He shall, on the first day of each month, file in his office a complete statement of all the fees and commissions received by him of every name and nature whatsoever, including his commission as agent of the commissioner of game and fish pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 98.50, and turn the same into the county treasury.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first Monday in January, 1955.

Approved April 16, 1951.