

his duty. The supervisors and sergeants shall be appointed by and have such duties as the commissioner of highways may direct and shall be selected from the patrol officers, sergeants and supervisors who shall have had at least three years' experience as either patrol officers, sergeants or supervisors.

(5) The salaries established herein are basic rates of pay for the state employees enumerated and shall be placed in effect by the commissioner of highways on July 1, 1947. For the purpose of applying an economic adjustment to these rates of pay in the same manner as economic adjustments are determined for state employees in the classified service under the state civil service act, the commissioner of highways shall ascertain the proper salary ranges of each of the enumerated basic rates of pay under Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 43.12, Subdivision 2, and acts amendatory thereof.

(6) Whenever the basic rates of pay of state employees in the classified service under the state civil service act are subject to an economic adjustment, the commissioner of highways shall cause a comparable economic adjustment to be made in the rates of pay of employees covered by *this subdivision and by subdivision 21*, as is made in the rates of pay of state employees in the classified service under the civil service act falling in comparable salary ranges.

(7) Every person employed hereunder shall be subject to the terms and provisions of Laws 1935, Chapter 254, and acts amendatory thereof.

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CHAPTER 555—S. F. No. 974

An act providing for the inspection of electrical installations except in certain municipalities and providing for supervision thereof by the state board of electricity; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 326.24, Subdivision 3, and Section 326.32, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 326.24, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

326.24 Subd. 3. **Inspection.** *Any electrical installation in any new construction or major remodeling or repair (except in cities of the first and second class and such other municipalities as have inspection similar to that herein provided) shall be inspected to assure the user of electricity that such installation is installed in compliance with approved standards of safety to life and property as herein defined. Such inspection may be made by an electrical representative regularly employed by the State Board of Electricity, or by any electrical inspector regularly engaged as such and certified by the State Board of Electricity with authority to make electrical inspections in a designated area. If such installation does not comply with the National Electrical Code, and he deems it to be hazardous to life or property, the inspector may condemn such installation or may order service thereto disconnected, and on such condemnation or order for disconnection for service shall send a copy of such order to the State Board of Electricity. This action shall be taken only after the owner of the premises has been duly notified, subject to the right of appeal within ten days from the date of the filing of the report with the board. An installation which has been condemned shall not be connected for service or, if already connected and ordered disconnected, shall not be reconnected for service until it has been brought up to the required standards and proof thereof furnished to the state board of electricity. In addition to the supervision herein before provided for, the board may make the original inspection when so requested and, in such event, may charge a fee sufficient to defray the cost of inspection to be paid by the person, firm or corporation requesting the inspection.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 326.32, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

326.32 Subd. 2. **Violations, penalties.** *No electrical installation shall be connected for use until proof has been furnished to the person, firm, or corporation supplying electrical energy for such installation that the regulations above recited have been complied with. Proof of such compliance shall consist of a certificate furnished by an inspector certified by the state or by a municipal or other recognized inspection department or officer. Until such time as the inspection can be made, proof of such compliance shall consist of an affidavit furnished by the contractor or other person doing the wiring, certifying that there has been such compliance. Except as to inspection certificates issued by municipal inspection depart-*

ments and such inspections made by electrical representatives of the State Board of Electricity, a copy of each inspection certificate shall be filed with the State Board of Electricity, together with a supervisory fee of 50 cents. For transient projects requiring temporary electrical service or for projects in process of construction, the person, firm, or corporation furnishing electric current shall not be required to obtain a certificate of inspection or an affidavit *showing* compliance with the requirements above stated, until completion of the projects. Any person who shall perform any services for another in installing or repairing electrical wires or apparatus without having complied with the provisions of sections 326.24 to 326.32 respecting registration and license, or who violates any provision of sections 326.24 to 326.32 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 556—S. F. No. 986

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An act providing for the establishment of the office of county budget and purchasing agent in each county of this state now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or more; fixing his powers and duties, defining misconduct on the part of such agent, his assistants and employees, and prescribing a penalty therefor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 375.21, Subdivision 2, Section 160.39 and Section 164.22.

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

Section 1. Hennepin County, budget and purchasing agent. Subdivision 1. Office established. The county board of each county of this state now or hereafter having a population of 550,000 or more may as of July 1st of any year after the passage of this act, establish the office of budget and purchasing agent, hereinafter referred to as the agent, appoint a qualified person to fill such office, and provide him with such office space, equipment, supplies and assistants as may be necessary to enable him to perform his duties.