

fractional congressional townships, in which is located a city of the fourth class, and where an undivided interest in the hospital had been deeded by the city to the county pursuant to Laws 1919, Chapter 267, the hospital shall continue to be managed in a manner mutually acceptable to both the governing authority of the city and the county board.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The county board of any such county may appropriate and pay to the managing board of the hospital such sums as the board deems necessary to repair, maintain, equip and operate the hospital. All such sums shall be paid from the hospital fund created by section 3. The county board is not liable for any obligation incurred by the managing board of the hospital unless the board authorizes or ratifies it.

Sec. 3. Tax levy, hospital. In addition to all other taxes which the county is authorized by law to levy and collect, the county board of any such county may levy a tax of not more than one mill on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the county for the purpose of maintaining, equipping, repairing, and operating the hospital. The proceeds of this tax shall be set aside in a special fund, to be known as the county hospital fund. The monies in this fund shall be used for no other purpose than that authorized.

Sec. 4. Laws 1919, Chapter 267, and Laws 1931, Chapter 261, are hereby repealed. This repeal does not affect any right or privilege conferred, or any duty, liability, or obligation imposed by the repealed laws.

Approved March 24, 1953.

CHAPTER 155—S. F. No. 986

[Not Coded]

An act to provide for the appointment of a tax clerk by the probate judge in any county now or hereafter having a population of 600,000 or over.

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

Section 1. Hennepin County; probate judge, tax clerk, appointment. The probate judge of any county now or hereafter having a population of 600,000 or over may appoint a tax clerk to assist him in the performance of the duties imposed by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 291. The appointment shall be in writing and filed in the court. No person shall be appointed as such tax clerk who is not admitted to practice law in the state courts.

Sec. 2. **Bond.** Before entering upon the duties of his office, the tax clerk shall execute a surety bond to the state in the amount of \$1,000 approved by the county board and conditioned on the faithful discharge of his duties. The bond and oath of the appointee shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds and filed in the office of the secretary of state after approval as to form by the attorney general. The premiums of the bond and the expenses of recording and filing shall be paid by the county. An action may be maintained on the bond by any person aggrieved by a violation of the conditions thereof.

Sec. 3. **Salary.** The tax clerk shall receive from the county as compensation for his services an annual salary not to exceed \$5,000 payable from the general funds not otherwise appropriated. The county shall furnish him with a suitable office in the court house or other suitable place designated by the judge.

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CHAPTER 156—S. F. No. 1369

An act relating to fire protection in towns, authorizing provision for apparatus therefor and maintenance and operation of such apparatus, authorizing a levy of taxes for such purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 365.19, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 365.19, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 57, Section 4, is amended to read:

365.19 Tax levy, limit. Nothing in sections 365.15 to 365.18 shall be construed so as to modify, abridge, or repeal Laws 1925, Chapter 407. Any levy hereunder shall be separate and distinct from, and in addition to, the levy and the amount of tax authorized in any one year pursuant to section 88.04; provided, that the levy of the tax authorized under sections 365.15 to 365.18 shall not exceed a total of \$6,000 in any one year, *but this limit shall not apply to any town in any county having a population of 300,000 or more.*

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