

an audit of its books, records, accounts and affairs in the same manner; provided that the scope of the examination may be limited by the request, but such examination shall cover, at least, all cash received and disbursed and the transactions relating thereto. Such written request shall be presented to the clerk or recording officer of such city, borough, village, town or school district, before being presented to the public examiner, who shall determine whether the same is signed by a majority of the members of such governing body and, if found to be so signed, shall certify such fact, and the fact that such resolution was passed, which certificate shall be conclusive evidence thereof in any action or proceeding for the recovery of the costs, charges and expenses of any examination made pursuant to such request. Nothing contained in any of the laws of the state relating to the public examiner, shall be so construed as to prevent any city, borough, village, town or school district from employing a certified public accountant to examine its books, records, accounts and affairs.

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CHAPTER 690—S. F. No. 507

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the commissioner of highways to employ consulting engineers for professional advice and preparation of plans for work on trunk highways.

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

Section 1. Commissioner of highways, employ registered professional engineers as consultants. The Commissioner of Highways is authorized to employ and engage the services of registered professional engineers to act as consultants in connection with, and to prepare plans and specifications themselves or by their organization and employees for the construction of trunk highways, and the commissioner of highways is authorized to negotiate for and agree upon the terms and compensation for such employment and services.

Sec. 2. Termination. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and shall continue for a two-year period, provided that the amount spent pursuant to the provisions of this act shall not exceed the sum of \$150,000 during said period.

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