

powers of the county board upon destruction of the courthouse.

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

Section 1. Laws 1921, Chapter 117, is hereby repealed.

Approved March 31, 1953.

CHAPTER 213—H. F. No. 513

[Not Coded]

An act repealing Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 54.01 to 54.25 providing for farm mortgage debenture corporations.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 54.01 to 54.25 are repealed.

Approved March 31, 1953.

CHAPTER 214—H. F. No. 529

[Coded]

An act relating to clerks of district courts in certain counties.

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

Section 1. [484.55] **Deputy Clerks, certain counties.** Before the commencement of any general term, the district court in any county having not less than 50,000 nor more than 100,000 inhabitants according to the last federal census may by order require the clerk of court to furnish a deputy clerk during such term. The order shall be filed with the clerk of court. Such deputy clerk shall receive such compensation as the judge shall determine, not to exceed \$10 per day, while attending such term of court.

Approved March 31, 1953.

CHAPTER 215—H. F. No. 598

An act relating to chauffeurs; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 168.40, as amended, and 168.41.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 168.40, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 78, is amended to read:

168.40 Chauffeur license division. Subdivision 1. **Establishment, powers, duties.** The secretary of state shall establish a chauffeurs' license division in the motor vehicle department of his office for the purpose of ascertaining and determining the qualifications of applicants for chauffeurs' licenses, and shall conduct examinations of applicants for such licenses at such times and places as he shall designate, and shall issue licenses only to such applicants as shall have attained the age of 18 years and shall be found to have a practical knowledge of the construction, mechanism and operation of motor vehicles and a sufficient knowledge of the traffic laws of this state, and other needful qualifications, to enable him to drive with safety, and he may appoint such examiners and other employees as may be necessary in the conduct of the license division so established. Any deputy registrar of motor vehicles may be appointed by the secretary of state to conduct chauffeurs' examinations and any deputy registrar not serving on a stated salary when so appointed shall be allowed and paid 50 cents for each examinee for the first examination given to such examinee by him under such appointment to be paid by the secretary of state out of the same fund and in the same manner that salaries are paid to other employees serving in the chauffeurs' license division of the motor vehicle department, such payment to be in addition to the fees allowed to such deputy as provided by law for registering motor vehicles.

Subd. 2. School bus drivers, licenses. No person shall drive a school bus unless having first obtained a school bus driver's license as herein provided. Every applicant who seeks a license to operate a school bus is required to take, in addition to the examination given other chauffeurs' license applicants, a physical examination. Any person whose physical examination discloses communicable diseases or mental or physical conditions of intermittent or continuing nature that might reasonably affect his ability to operate a school bus shall be denied a school bus driver's license. No school bus driver's license shall be issued to any person less than 18 years of age. In addition the tests for a school bus driver's license shall include knowledge of the operation of the particular equipment the applicant will handle and knowledge of the special laws and equipment and devices peculiar to school buses as well as the general knowledge of motor vehicle operation, equipment, laws and rules. The state board of education and the commissioner of highways shall jointly prescribe rules governing the taking of these examinations and may prescribe other rules

for the purpose of determining the qualifications of such applicant.

In the preparation of examinations to be given school bus drivers, the registrar shall include any questions or other tests that the board of education may order. The secretary of state shall issue a school bus driver's license to such applicant who has qualified for such license under the provisions of this act.

Such school bus driver's license shall be valid for a period of two years following its issuance; provided a physical examination may be required oftener upon demand of any school district from or to which such school bus driver shall be carrying passengers. Such extra examination shall be paid for by the district demanding it.

For failure to pass such physical examination or for any of the grounds set forth in Section 168.44, the school bus driver's license may be revoked, and in the manner set forth in Section 168.44.

Subd. 3. Restricted chauffeurs licenses. Restricted chauffeurs' licenses may be issued to persons who have attained the age of 16 years and who are otherwise qualified as provided in subdivision 1. No person holding a restricted chauffeur's license shall operate any motor-propelled vehicle used for the transportation of persons or property for compensation as a common or permit carrier or operate any school, charter or excursion bus or taxicab on any public highway in this state or on any street of any political subdivision thereof. A written request by parent or guardian for the under 18-year old applicant to apply for and drive under this restricted license must accompany the application. In cases where there are no living parents or guardian the employer shall supply this written request. The provisions of this subdivision and all restricted chauffeurs' licenses shall expire 60 days after the termination of the 1953 session of the Minnesota State Legislature unless these provisions are renewed or 60 days after the present national emergency ceases to exist through declaration of the proper constituted authorities; termination date to be whichever of these provisions first chronologically occurs.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 168.41, is amended to read:

168.41 Badges. The secretary of state shall provide every person licensed hereunder with a suitable badge to be worn by him attached conspicuously upon the outside of his clothing at all times while he is engaged in service as a chauffeur, and a distinctive separate type of badge shall be provided for school bus drivers, and no licensed chauffeur shall voluntar-

ily permit another person to possess and use the badge so provided, nor shall any person, while driving or operating a motor vehicle, use any license or badge belonging to another.

Sec. 3. *This act shall take effect from and after January 1, 1954.*

Approved March 31, 1953.

CHAPTER 216—H. F. No. 679

[Not Coded]

An act relating to community hospitals in certain cities of the fourth class and authorizing the levying of taxes therefor; amending Laws 1951, Chapter 244, Section 1.

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

Section 1. Laws 1951, Chapter 244, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Community hospital, certain cities fourth class.** Any city of the fourth class having more than 6,000 inhabitants and an assessed valuation of more than \$12,000,000 may levy, in excess of existing limitations, not to exceed \$77,000 in the year 1953 and not to exceed \$60,000 per year in each of the years 1954 and 1955, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing and equipping a community hospital which shall be available to all inhabitants of such city on equal terms. The moneys collected on such tax levies, together with any other gifts or contributions to the city for such purposes, shall be deposited in a special hospital fund and used for no other purpose.

Approved March 31, 1953.

CHAPTER 217—H. F. No. 680

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing certain cities of the fourth class to lease a community or municipal hospital to an incorporated non-profit hospital association.

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

Section 1. **Certain cities fourth class, lease city hospital.** Any city of the fourth class having more than 6,000 inhabitants and an assessed valuation of more than \$12,000,000 may lease, upon such terms as it deems to be in the best interests of the community, whether for a direct monetary consideration