

elicited or produced may tend to criminate the person giving or producing it, or to expose him to public ignominy, shall not excuse him, but no person shall be prosecuted or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any matter or thing concerning which he may be so required to testify or produce evidence; provided, that he shall not be exempted from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so testifying. The director shall cause the testimony so taken to be transcribed and filed with him as soon as practicable and when so filed it shall be open to public inspection. Every person failing or refusing to obey any order of the director issued under this section, or to give or produce evidence when so requested, shall be reported by the director to the district court and dealt with as for a contempt of court.

Approved April 2, 1953.

CHAPTER 240—S. F. No. 1178

An act relating to the conduct of elections and manner of voting, and amending Section 206.02, Minnesota Statutes 1949.

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

Section 1. That Section 206.02, Minnesota Statutes 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

206.02 Ballot boxes; opening, sealing. Immediately before opening the polls, one of the judges shall open the ballot boxes in the presence of the people there assembled, turn them upside down so as to empty them of everything that is in them, then lock them and deliver the key to another of the judges. Provided, however, that in all cities having a population of 50,000 or more, whether operating under home rule charters or otherwise, the city clerk may, upon the adoption of a resolution by its governing body, furnish with each ballot box, and in lieu of such lock and key, two so-called "box-car seals," one of which shall be attached in accordance with the provisions of this section, and the other to be attached after the ballots are counted, as provided in section 206.49. Each such seal shall consist of a metal strap with a number imprinted on the metal, no two straps of which shall bear the same number, together with a self-locking device securely attached to one end of such strap, and so constructed that the other end may likewise be inserted and securely locked in said device. The judge emptying the ballot box shall immediately after so doing lock and seal the same by one of said seals in such a manner that said seal and ballot box cannot be opened without breaking the seal. The

judges shall thereupon proclaim that the polls are open, and cause written or printed notices of the hour of closing them to be conspicuously posted outside the polling place. Such boxes shall not be re-opened until opened for the purpose of counting the ballots therein at the close of the polls. *Provided, further, that in all cities using the so-called "box-car seals" a suitable space shall be provided on the tally sheets used in canvassing and tallying votes for the insertion therein of the number appearing on the seal used to close and seal the ballot box.*

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CHAPTER 241—S. F. No. 1313

An act relating to tax rates used for county purposes in certain counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 275.09 as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 275.09, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 423, is amended to read:

275.09 Rate of tax. Subdivision 1. State purposes. There shall be levied annually on each dollar of taxable property, except such as is by law otherwise taxable, as assessed and entered on the tax lists, for state purposes taxes in such amount as is levied by the legislature.

Subd. 2. County purposes. There shall be levied annually on each dollar of taxable property, except such as is by law otherwise taxable, as assessed and entered on the tax lists for county purposes, such amount as is levied by the county board. In any county with not less than 100,000 inhabitants the rate of the tax for general revenue purposes shall not exceed five mills, and in any county with less than 100,000 inhabitants the rate of the tax for general revenue purposes shall not exceed ten mills, unless this maximum mill levy will not raise a sum equal to the amount specified in this subdivision for each county according to the following classifications:

(a) In any county with less than 10,000 inhabitants, \$80,000.

(b) In any county with 10,000 but less than 20,000 inhabitants, \$90,000. In addition thereto, for the sole purpose of appropriating money as authorized in Minnesota Statutes, Section 376.08, there may be levied, in any year before 1956, an additional sum not exceeding \$65,000.