

or repair of school houses, the estimated cost or value of which shall exceed \$1,000, shall be made by the school board of any common or independent school district, or *any special school district to which special statutory provisions relating to the letting of contracts are not applicable*, without first advertising for bids or proposals in some newspaper of the county by two weeks' published notice in the city or village located nearest to the school district in which the contracts are proposed to be let, or some newspaper published in the county-seat in such county; provided, that advertisements for bids for school house construction may be published in a trade journal, periodical, or magazine. Such notice shall state the time and place of receiving bids and contain a brief description of the subject matter.

Subd. 2. **Award of contract.** Every such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, duly executed in writing, and the person to whom the same is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance, and otherwise conditioned as required by sections 574.26, 574.28, 574.29, and 574.30. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise.

Subd. 3. **Limitations.** Every contract made without compliance with the provisions of this section shall be void; provided, that in case of the destruction of buildings or injury thereto, where the public interests would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for bids.

Sec. 2. Special Laws 1887, Chapter 1, Sub-Chapter 9, Section 14, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. Chapter 72, Session Laws 1953, is hereby repealed.

Approved April 22, 1953.

CHAPTER 619—S. F. No. 1675

[Coded]

An act providing for the equipping of certain motor vehicles, operated on highways, with flaps on the rear wheel fenders, amending Laws of 1951, Chapter 640.

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

Section 1. Laws of 1951, Chapter 640, is amended to read:

Section 1. [169.733] **Wheel flaps on trucks and semi-trailers.** *Every truck, trailer and semi-trailer, excepting pole*

trailers and rear-end dump trucks, shall be provided with wheel flaps or other suitable protection above and behind the rearmost wheels of the vehicle or combination of vehicles to prevent, as far as practicable, such wheels from throwing dirt, water, or other materials on the windshields of vehicles which follow. Such flaps or protectors shall have a ground clearance of not more than one-fifth of the horizontal distance from the center of the rearmost axle to the flap under any conditions of loading or operation of the motor vehicle and shall be at least as wide as the tires they are protecting.

If the motor vehicle is so designed and constructed that the above requirements are accomplished by means of body construction or other means of enclosure, then no such protectors or flaps shall be required.

If the rear wheels are not covered at the top by fenders, body or other parts of the vehicle, the flap or other protective means shall be extended at least to a point directly above the center of the rearmost axle.

Lamps or wiring shall not be attached to fender flaps.
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CHAPTER 620—S. F. No. 1712

[Not Coded]

An act relating to borrowing funds by certain counties having more than 300,000 and less than 500,000 inhabitants.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Ramsey county, emergency borrowing. Each county having more than 350,000 and less than 500,000 inhabitants in which the mayor of a city of the first class therein is ex-officio chairman of the board of commissioners is hereby granted authority to borrow funds and pledge the credit of such county to meet emergencies arising within such county and to make such loans either from the State of Minnesota, the federal government, or from private sources in an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000.

Sec 2. Bonds, approval of voters not required. Bonds or other evidences of indebtedness may be issued pursuant to the authority granted and for the purposes specified herein by following the regular statutory procedure applicable to such county; provided, however, that any county now required by statute to submit the question of the issuance of bonds or other