

the care and support of such child; and every husband who, without lawful excuse, deserts and fails to support his wife, while pregnant, with intent to abandon her, is guilty of a felony; and, upon conviction, shall be punished therefor by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years. Desertion of and failure to support a child or pregnant wife for a period of three months shall be presumptive evidence of intention to abandon or to avoid legal responsibility for the care and support of the child.

Approved March 2, 1953.

CHAPTER 72—S. F. No. 105

An act relating to school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 125.18; repealing Special Laws 1887, Chapter 1, Sub-Chapter 8, Section 14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 125.18, is amended to read:

125.18 Contracts. Subdivision 1. Advertisement for bids. No contract for work or labor, or for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, or other property, or for the construction 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. Every such contract shall be awarded 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 re-advertise.

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 8, Section 14, is hereby repealed.

Approved March 2, 1953.

CHAPTER 73—S. F. No. 351

[Not Coded]

An act relating to actions affecting real estate and limiting the time within which certain claims thereto may be asserted.

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

Section 1. **Actions affecting real estate.** After July 1, 1954, in an action affecting the possession or title of any real estate included in a plat of lands within the corporate limits of a city or village recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the proper county before January 1, 1940, there shall not be asserted a claim of title based on the invalidity of the title of the person or corporation named in the instrument of dedication on such plat as the owner of the land included therein, nor any claim that the title of such named owner was less than an unencumbered absolute fee at the time of platting, as against such named owner or any successor in interest of such named owner, unless such asserted claim is based on an instrument which was actually filed for record in the office of such register of deeds within forty years before commencement of the action in which the claim is asserted, if within one year after the recording of such plat such named owner brought an action in the district court for said county to determine adverse claims to the lands included in such plat, in which action judgment was entered adjudging the plaintiff therein the owner in fee of said lands as against named defendants and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint.

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CHAPTER 74—S. F. No. 551

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An act to require the payment of certain fees to the county auditor by cities, villages and towns, and boards and depart-