

## CHAPTER 632—H. F. No. 1601

[Not Coded]

*An act creating an interim committee to study and consider a change in the design of the state flag.*

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

**Section 1. Interim committee created.** An interim committee is hereby created consisting of five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker and five members of the Senate appointed by the Committee on Committees.

**Sec. 2. State flag, changing form and style.** The committee shall consider changing the form and style of the state flag while still preserving its basic symbolism. The committee shall have the power to accept funds for the sole purpose of securing technical advice on construction and design of the state flag. The committee may further solicit and secure the voluntary service and aid of persons who have either technical or artistic skill in the construction and design of flags.

**Sec. 3. Report.** The committee shall make its report and recommendation to the next regular session of the legislature not later than January 15, 1957.

Approved April 20, 1955.

## CHAPTER 633—H. F. No. 1604

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to tax search certificates in certain counties.*

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

**Section 1. St. Louis County, tax search certificates.**  
**Subdivision 1. Auditor to search records, certificates.** In any county having an area in excess of 5000 square miles and a population in excess of 150,000, the county auditor, upon written application of any person, shall make search of the records of his office and the county treasurer's office, and ascertain the amount of current tax against any lot or parcel of land described in the application and the existence of all tax liens and tax sales as to such lot or parcel of land, and certify the result of such search under his hand and the seal of his office, giving the description of the lot or parcel of land, the amount of the current tax, if any, and all tax liens and

tax sales shown by such records, and the amount thereof, the year of tax covered by such lien, the date of tax sale, and the name of the purchaser at such tax sale. For the purpose of ascertaining the current tax against such lot or parcel of land, the county auditor has the right of access to the records of current taxes in the office of the county treasurer.

**Subd. 2. Fees.** For such certificate the county shall receive a compensation of one dollar for each lot or parcel of land described in the certificate, which shall be collected by the county auditor. Any number of contiguous tracts of land not exceeding one section, assessed as broad acres, or adjoining lots in the same block, in the city or village, shall be considered as one parcel of land or lot within the meaning of this section. All moneys received by the county auditor under this section shall immediately be paid by him to the county treasurer as hereinafter provided.

**Subd. 3. Tax certificate assurance fund.** In each county described in subdivision 1 hereof, there is hereby created in the county treasury a tax certificate assurance fund.

**Subd. 4. Apportionment of proceeds of fees.** Seventy five cents of each dollar received under this section shall be paid by the county auditor to the credit of the general revenue fund and twenty-five cents of each dollar so received shall be paid to the credit of the tax certificate assurance fund. Upon request by the county auditor, the county treasurer, with approval of the board, shall invest the moneys in the tax certificate assurance fund in bonds of the United States of America, or bonds or tax anticipation certificates of the State of Minnesota or of any county or municipality thereof. The county treasurer upon request by the county board shall render a full and detailed report showing all receipts and disbursements not theretofore reported, all investments on account of the fund and all assets on hand. When additional moneys may be needed in said fund, the county treasurer, upon request by the county auditor, approved by the county board, is authorized and directed to sell such bonds or tax anticipation certificates belonging to the fund as may be necessary to provide the moneys needed for disbursement.

**Subd. 5. Claims for damages because of mistake of auditor, payment.** When any person without negligence on his part sustains any loss or damage by reason of any omission or mistake of the county auditor or a deputy thereof in a certificate made under authority of this section, he may make a claim in writing to the county board setting forth in detail all the facts from which the claim arises, and the amount of loss or damage claimed. The county board shall investigate the

claim and may order payment to the claimant, by reason of his claim, of such sum of money from the tax certificate assurance fund as it may deem proper. Acceptance of such payment by the claimant is payment in full of all claims for loss or damage against the county, the county auditor and his deputies arising out of the tax certificate upon which the claim is predicated.

Approved April 20, 1955.

---

CHAPTER 634—H. F. No. 1627

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to court reporters; amending Laws 1921, Chapter 460, Section 5, as amended.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1921, Chapter 460, Section 5, as amended by Laws 1923, Chapter 351, Laws 1929, Chapter 385, Laws 1947, Chapter 245, Laws 1949, Chapter 219, and Laws 1951, Chapter 389, is amended to read:

Sec. 5. **Court reporters, salaries.** The salary of each such court reporter shall be \$6,000, *except that for a reporter who has had a total of six years service as a district court reporter or official reporter for a state commission the annual salary shall be \$7,000*, per annum in St. Louis County, which shall be paid in equal monthly instalments in the same manner as the salary of county officials of said county is paid. In addition to such salary, to be paid by said St. Louis County, such reporter shall receive \$10 per day for each and every day or part thereof for services while in attendance at sessions of court held in any other counties of said district, and while reporting cases of other counties of said district which cases for convenience of parties, witnesses, counsel, or otherwise, are tried in St. Louis County; and such compensation shall be paid forthwith by the county auditor for each such county by warrant issued on the county treasurer thereof, on the filing by such reporter of a duly itemized and verified bill setting forth the number of days and dates of such service, approved by any judge of said judicial district.

Approved April 20, 1955.

---