

a population of not less than 300,000 nor more than 450,000; amending Laws 1947, Chapter 305.

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

Section 1. Laws 1947, Chapter 305, is amended to read:

Section 1. **St. Paul may fix working hours of fire department employees.** In any city now or hereafter having a population of not less than 300,000 and not more than 450,000 and operating under a home rule charter which provides for a platoon system and sets the working hours of 14 hours on the night shift and ten hours on the day shift each day for employees of the fire department in such city, the governing authority of such city shall have the authority to fix and refix the working hours of such firemen not in excess of 72 hours per week nor less than 56 hours per week, notwithstanding any provisions now existing in the charter of such pertaining to the working hours of employees of the fire department.

Approved March 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 154—H. F. No. 186

[Not Coded]

An act relating to contracts of county boards and county welfare boards in counties having a population of more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants; amending Laws 1949, Chapter 180.

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

Section 1. Laws 1949, Chapter 180, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Ramsey county; contracts; county board, county welfare board.** In counties having a population of more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants, *no contract for the construction or repair of roads, bridges or buildings, and no purchase of goods, material or supplies, of any kind for the county, or for the county welfare board of such county, the estimated cost of which exceeds \$500, shall be made by the county board or county welfare board without giving at least seven days' published notice that bids or proposals will be received therefor, stating the time and place. If the estimated cost of such contract or of such goods, materials or supplies exceeds \$500 and does not exceed \$1,000 such county board or such county welfare board may by resolution waive such published notice calling for bids or proposals. All such contracts shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, approved*

by resolution of the board, and signed by its chairman. In case no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise. In case of unforeseen breakages or injuries in or connected with public buildings or equipment, where the public interest would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for bids, but in such case the action of the board shall be recorded in its official proceedings.

Approved March 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 155—H. F. No. 252

An act relating to the salaries of the deputy register of deeds in certain counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 386.34, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 386.34, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

386.34 **Deputies, salaries.** Subdivision 1. The county board of each county having a population of less than 75,000, may by written order to be filed in the office of the county auditor allow one deputy register of deeds in such county compensation for services as such deputy, to be fixed by the board and specified in said order. In each county containing less than 15 full and fractional congressional townships, and having more than 16,000 and less than 19,000 inhabitants according to the 1940 federal census, and having an assessed valuation of less than \$7,000,000, exclusive of moneys and credits, the county board may by written order to be filed in the office of the county auditor allow one deputy register of deeds in such county compensation for services as such deputy not exceeding \$1,800 per year.

Approved March 15, 1955.

CHAPTER 156—H. F. No. 328

[Not Coded]

An act relating to compensation of county commissioners in certain counties; amending Laws 1919, Chapter 210, Section 1, as amended.

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