

less than 450,000 inhabitants, and welfare boards therein, to contract with cities of the first class in such counties for the purchasing of materials, equipment and supplies.

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

Section 1. **Ramsey county, contracts with St. Paul.** The board of county commissioners of any county having more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants and containing a city of the first class, and the welfare board for such city and county if there be one and if the funds therefor be provided by such county and such city, may enter into agreements with such city for the purchase by such city of all materials, equipment and supplies required by such county or such welfare board. Purchases shall be made pursuant to specifications prepared under the direction of and approved by such boards, and shall be made by such city pursuant to the laws governing purchases by such city. Limitations on such boards on expenditures without advertising for bids shall apply. Bids shall be called for, received and opened in such manner as is required by the charter and ordinances of such city. Such city may be compensated for such services in such manner as is agreed upon. Payment for such purchases shall be made directly to the supplier by the county or the welfare board. Such agreements may contain such other provisions considered necessary to implement this procedure as are not in conflict herewith.

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CHAPTER 161—H. F. No. 779

[Not Coded]

An act to provide for the retirement and compensation upon retirement of judges of the municipal court of any city of the first class, having a population of less than 200,000; amending Laws 1951, Chapter 633.

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

Section 1. Laws 1951, Chapter 633, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Duluth, retirement of municipal judge.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any city of the first class, having a population of less than 200,000, any judge of the municipal court therein, who has served for 25 years, and is over 70 years of age, may retire from further

service as such judge and shall receive compensation upon his retirement, for life in the manner provided in this act.

Sec. 2. Laws 1951, Chapter 633, Section 2, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **Procedure.** Subdivision 1. When any such judge desires to retire, he shall notify in writing the city council or city commission or other governing body of such city, that he is desirous of retiring, that he has served as a judge of the municipal court of the city for 25 years or more and is over 70 years of age.

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CHAPTER 162—H. F. 921

An act relating to the Minneapolis-St. Paul Sanitary District; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 445.14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 445.14, is amended to read:

445.14 Land, easements; acquisition. The trustees may from time to time acquire in the name of the district by purchase, deed, grant, lease, devise or condemnation every such right, title and easement in land *public or private* within and/or without its corporate limits as it may deem expedient, including among others the right and easement to construct and maintain underground conduits with or without disturbance of the surface. It may sell and convey land found unnecessary for its purpose, provided, however, that no sale of land be made by said board of trustees without first obtaining an order from the district court of the district in which such land is situated authorizing said sale, which order shall be filed with the secretary of said district, and the clerk of said district court.

Land, or any right, interest, estate or easement therein, may be acquired by the exercise of the right of eminent domain in the manner prescribed by Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 430.01 to 430.05, but without any assessment of benefits. All awards not set aside as therein provided shall be a charge upon the district for which its credit shall be pledged. The duties specified to be performed in said sections by the city council, the city clerk and the city engineer, respectively, shall be performed by the trustees, the secretary and the chief engi-