the business ceded and upon its making the deposit of securities, with the commissioner of insurance, as required by law.

Sec. 4. [66.64] Separation agreement, when effective. The separation shall be effective on the agreed date stated in the joint agreement, upon filing of the same as herein provided.

Approved March 30, 1955.

## CHAPTER 272-H. F. No. 1090

An act relating to the abolition of the office of constable in towns providing police protection; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 366.022.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 366.022, is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. Constables, election to abolish office. The board of supervisors of any such town having been duly authorized to provide for police protection and for apparatus therefor under this section or under any other statute and having provided such police protection and apparatus is hereby authorized and empowered to submit to the legal voters of the town for their approval or rejection at any annual town meeting or at any special town meeting called for that purpose, the questions as to whether or not such town shall eliminate and abolish the office of constable in such town.

If a majority of the legal voters voting at such election vote in favor of eliminating and abolishing the office of constable in such town, such office shall, at the end of the existing term or terms thereof, thereafter cease to exist, and all duties imposed by law upon such office shall be thereafter imposed upon and assumed by the duly appointed police officers of such town. All fees for services of a constable authorized to be paid by law shall thereafter be paid to such town and become a part of its general fund; and the board of supervisors of such town shall have authority to appoint one or more of its police officers to assume specific duties imposed by law upon the office of constable and as part of the compensation for said officers to permit them to retain such part or all of said fees as may be determined in the discretion of said board of supervisors.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any town-

ship lying distant more than 40 miles from any city of the first class.

Approved March 30, 1955.

## CHAPTER 273—H. F. No. 1188 [Coded]

An act relating to the disposal of affidavit of grantee or purchaser at the time of filing a deed of conveyance and "canceled" owner's duplicate certificate by the registrar of titles. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. [508.836] Registrar of titles, disposal of certain affidavits. The registrar of titles in any county of this state now or hereafter having a population of more than 650,000 is hereby authorized to destroy or otherwise dispose of affidavits of grantees and purchasers or of the person acting on their behalf, which are more than five years old and owners duplicate certificates marked "canceled" upon the entry of a new owners duplicate certificate.

Approved March 30, 1955.

## CHAPTER 274—H. F. No. 1437 [Not Coded]

An act relating to tax levies for independent school districts within the limits of certain cities.

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

- Section 1. Independent school districts, tax levy limitation. Subdivision 1. In an independent school district situated within the limits of any city of the first class, governed by a charter which does not fix the amount which may be levied as taxes or expended for school purposes, the district may determine its own limitation on the maximum tax levy permitted for school purposes by compliance with the provisions of this act, but not in excess of the limitation contained in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 275.12. In the absence of a determination by the district, Laws 1951, Chapter 398, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 415, shall govern.
- Subd. 2. The school board or boards of education may call a special meeting, open to the public, for the sole purpose of establishing a new limit on the maximum tax levy that can be