

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 105.51, is amended to read :

**105.51 Artesian wells; control, reports by drillers.** For the conservation of the underground water supplies of the state, the commissioner is authorized to require the owners to control artesian wells to prevent waste.

*Every person, firm or corporation who shall provide the means of appropriating ground water by drilling, boring, or otherwise shall file a verified statement with the director of the division of waters containing the log of the materials and water encountered in connection therewith, together with all water pumping tests relating thereto. Such statements shall be confidential and be used only by the division for scientific study, the result of which may be public information. The commissioner may exclude from the requirement to file such statements those whose operations are of a type which would not yield significant scientific information.*

Approved April 19, 1955.

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#### CHAPTER 524—S. F. No. 939

*An act relating to tax rates used for county purposes in certain counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 275.09, Subdivision 2.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 275.09, Subdivision 2, is amended to read :

**Subd. 2. County purposes.** There shall be levied annually on each dollar of taxable property, except such as is by law otherwise taxable, as assessed and entered on the tax lists for county purposes, such amount as is levied by the county board. In any county with not less than 100,000 inhabitants the rate of the tax for general revenue purposes shall not exceed five mills, and in any county with less than 100,000 inhabitants the rate of the tax for general revenue purposes shall not exceed ten mills, unless this maximum mill levy will not raise a sum equal to the amount specified in this subdivision for each county according to the following classifications :

(a) In any county with less than 10,000 inhabitants, \$80,000.

(b) In any county with 10,000 but less than 20,000 inhabitants, \$90,000. In addition thereto, for the sole purpose of appropriating money as authorized in Minnesota Statutes, Section 376.08, there may be levied, in any year, an additional sum not exceeding \$65,000.

(c) In any county with 20,000 but less than 30,000 inhabitants, \$100,000.

(d) In any county with 30,000 but less than 40,000 inhabitants, \$110,000.

(e) In any county with more than 40,000 inhabitants, \$125,000, based upon the last preceding taxable valuation of such county, in which case the county board may levy in such rate as will raise the amount levied by the board to, but not exceeding said sum; provided, however, that in any county where the expenditures have exceeded the amount authorized to be levied under the provisions of this section for any year or years prior to 1953, the county board may include the amount of deficit caused by such expenditures in the levy for the year 1953 or 1954, in addition to the amount hereinbefore provided; provided further, that this subdivision shall not affect the maximum tax levy for general revenue purposes in any county in which a higher maximum is now permitted by law.

(f) In any county having an assessed valuation of over \$1,750,000 and less than \$2,500,000, exclusive of money and credits, and having over 14,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 census and having less than 75 full and fractional congressional townships, \$100,000. In addition thereto, for the sole purpose of appropriating money as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 376.08, an additional sum not exceeding \$65,000 may be levied in any year before 1956.

Approved April 19, 1955.

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#### CHAPTER 525—S. F. No. 976

[Coded]

*An act authorizing changes and alterations to public drainage systems by the county when expedient in the construction or maintenance of highways under the jurisdiction of the county board.*

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

Section 1. [106.496] Drainage systems affecting