

highways, changes. Upon the filing of a resolution by the county board of any county with the county auditor, in the case of a public ditch system lying wholly within a county, or with the clerk of the district court having jurisdiction over said ditch, in the case of a ditch system affecting two or more counties, therein setting forth that it would be advantageous or desirable in the construction or maintenance of a highway under the jurisdiction of said county to make a minor alteration or change in a public ditch system directly affecting the highway, and that such alteration or change will not affect the functioning or efficiency of such ditch system, it shall be the duty of the auditor, or the clerk with the approval of the judge, to fix a time and place for hearing thereon and to give notice of hearing by publication as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 106.011, Subdivision 2. Upon the filing of the resolution, the board shall also cause to be filed a plan showing in detail the alteration or change therein described. If upon said hearing it shall appear to the county board or district court that such alteration or change in the public ditch system will not affect or impair the efficiency of such ditch system, the board or court shall make its order authorizing the county to cause such alteration or change to be made. Upon the making of such order by the county board or the court, the county board may proceed, at the sole cost and expense of the county, to make such alterations or changes as may be in said order allowed; damages, if any, occasioned thereby being first duly paid or secured by the county. Upon completion of the alteration or change, the county board shall cause to be filed with the auditor or clerk, a map and profile drawn to scale showing thereon the change or alteration made. If the map and profile be filed with the clerk, duplicates thereof shall also be filed with the auditor of each county affected. Upon the completion of the alteration or change herein provided for, the said ditch shall thereafter include such alteration or change as a part thereof with the same force and effect as though it had been originally so constructed and established.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 526—S. F. No. 1126

[Not Coded]

An act to legalize the proceedings of villages in vacating streets and alleys, and limiting the time within which actions may be brought questioning the validity of such proceedings.

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

Section 1. Proceedings of village council legalized. The proceedings of any village heretofore had in vacating any street or alley in which the notice was published for only one week, instead of two weeks as required by Minnesota Statutes section 412.851, are hereby legalized and validated.

Sec. 2. Pending actions not affected. The provisions of this act shall not affect any action or proceeding now pending or which shall be commenced within three months after its passage, in any of the courts of this state involving the validity of such proceedings.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 527—S. F. No. 1135

An act relating to old age assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.16.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 256.16, is amended to read:

256.16 Applicant, requirements to obtain aid. Old age assistance may be granted to an applicant who:

- (1) Has attained the age of 65 years;
- (2) Is a United States citizen, or has resided continuously in the United States for over 25 years;
- (3) *Has resided in the state for one year immediately preceding the application for old age assistance;*
- (4) Is not, because of physical or mental condition, in need of continued institutional care and such care is reasonably available to him.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 528—S. F. No. 1136

An act relating to the medical policy directional committee of mental health and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 246.017, Subdivision 2.

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