

Any town board may also offer a bounty for the destruction of the animals, birds, and reptiles described in section 348.12 and adopt rules for the payment thereof, which bounty so offered by a town shall be in addition to any bounty which may be offered by the board of county commissioners.

The town board of any town located in any county having over 45,000 and less than 49,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census, may by resolution require that the tail instead of the feet of striped, gray and pocket gophers and woodchucks be produced.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 546—S. F. No. 1448

An act relating to county officers, providing for cost of living salary adjustments; and validating certain adjustments heretofor paid; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.43, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.43, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Director of civil service, reports as to cost of living index.** The director of civil service shall on or before June 1, 1955, and annually thereafter, on or before June 1, forward to the county auditor of each county with a population of less than 50,000 inhabitants, a certified copy of his report covering the investigation of the cost of living as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 43.123, *as amended*, stating therein the increase or decrease in the cost of living which has taken place subsequent to his report for the preceding year. The report to be furnished on or before June 1, 1955, shall cover the period from April, 1954 to April, 1955, and each report thereafter shall cover a period of one year. Upon the receipt of such report the county auditor shall present it to the county board at its next meeting and thereafter file it in his office.

If the report of the director of civil service shall show that the cost of living index is more than 104.0 and not more than 107.0, then the salaries of all elective county officers included in this act may be increased in such amount as the county board shall determine but not to exceed \$200 per annum. If the report shows that the cost of living index is more than 107.0

and not more than 110.0, then the salaries of such officers may be increased in such amount as the county board shall determine but not to exceed \$300 per annum. If the report shows that the cost of living index is more than 110.0 and not more than 113.0, then the salaries of such officers may be increased in such amount as the county board shall determine but not to exceed \$400 per annum. If the report shows that the cost of living index is more than 113.0 and not more than 116.0, then the salaries of such officers may be increased in such amount as the county board shall determine but not to exceed \$500 per annum. If the report shows that the cost of living index is more than 116.0, then the salaries of such officers may be increased in like manner by an additional amount of not more than \$100 per annum for each rise in such index of three points, or fraction thereof, above 116.0, no more than one such increase to be authorized for rises within the same three point range. In determining the salary increases, as hereinbefore provided, the county board shall grant the same amount of increase to each elective county officer included in this act, except that the amount to be allowed to members of the county board may be less than the amount provided for the other elective officers. The county board is authorized to increase the salaries of the other elective county officers, as hereinbefore provided, without providing for any increases in the salaries of the members of the county board.

Sec. 2. Validation of certain payments. Any payment of cost of living salary adjustments to county officials based on the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.43 for the fiscal year 1954-1955 which were made on the basis of a report by the civil service director as of June 1, 1953 are hereby approved and validated as against the lack of the required report from the director of civil service on June 1, 1954.

Approved April 19, 1955.

CHAPTER 547—S. F. No. 1495

An act relating to the department of administration and authorizing the attorney general to use duplicating equipment; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.02, is amended to read:

16.02 Powers, duties. Subject to other applicable pro-