

CHAPTER 777—S. F. No. 1013

An act relating to maps, plats, profiles, records, drawings, and exhibits in drainage proceedings; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 106.071, Subd. 6.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 106.071, Subd. 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Records.** (a) All original plats, profiles, records and field books made by the engineer during the pendency of any ditch proceedings or the construction are public records and the property of the county or counties affected. The same shall be filed with the auditor or clerk, *as the court or board shall direct*, when construction is completed or when for any cause the engineer ceases to longer act.

(b) *All maps, plats, profiles, plans and specifications prepared and used in connection with any drainage proceedings under this chapter shall be uniform and each sheet shall be bound and marked so as to identify the proceeding by the number of the ditch or drain involved, and shall contain the name of the person preparing the same, the date when the same was prepared, and shall conform to rules and regulations adopted or standards prescribed by the director of the division of waters.*

(c) *It shall be the duty of the auditor or clerk to keep an accurate index of all drainage proceedings and of all matters filed therein in a properly bound book. The auditor or clerk shall keep and file all orders, exhibits, maps, charts, profiles, plats, plans, and specifications and records of such proceedings, and said files or any portion thereof shall not be removed except upon written order of the court or board.*

All maps, plats, charts, plans, specifications or other written documents, writings, or drawings which have been filed or received in evidence or used in connection with any drainage proceeding under this chapter shall be subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 15.17.

(d) *It shall be the duty of all county boards, upon their own volition, or by an order of the court, to provide the auditor or clerk with necessary filing and storage facilities for the proper protection of all files and records in all proceedings under this chapter. The county boards may provide for the copying and filing of the records and proceedings under this chapter by photographic devices as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 15.17. Such photographic copies*

shall, in the event of loss of the originals, upon authentication by the auditor or clerk, be deemed originals.

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CHAPTER 778—S. F. No. 1026

An act relating to the administration of the state government, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.07, Subdivisions 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.07, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Publication of notice.** If the amount of the expenditure or sale is estimated to exceed \$2,000, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice inserted *at least once* in a newspaper or trade journal *not less than seven days* before the final date of submitting bids. The commissioner shall designate the newspaper or trade journal for such publication, and may designate different newspapers or journals according to the nature of the purchase or contract. The commissioner shall also solicit sealed bids by sending notices by mail to all prospective bidders known to him, and by posting notice on a public bulletin board in his office at least five days before the final date of submitting bids. All bids shall be sealed when received, shall be opened in public at the hour stated in the notice, and all original bids together with all documents pertaining to the award of a contract shall be retained and made a part of a permanent file or record, and shall be open to public inspection. This subdivision shall not apply to the purchase of fibre used in the manufacture of binder twine, ply twines, and rope at the state penal institutions, which shall be purchased in accordance with such regulations as the commissioner may prescribe, requiring competitive bids as far as practicable.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.07, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Certain purchases or sales.** All purchases or sales estimated to exceed in amount \$1,000 but not to exceed \$2,000, shall be made after receipt of sealed bids following at least three days notice posted on a public bulletin board in the office of the commissioner. The commissioner shall also solicit sealed bids by mail in such cases, in like manner as hereinbefore provided.