

of State Aid Road No. 10; thence Northeasterly at right angles to the Easterly line of said State Aid Road No. 10 a distance of 741.16 feet, thence at right angles Southeasterly 881.59 feet, thence at right angles Southwesterly 741.16 feet to the intersection with the Easterly line of said State Aid Road No. 10, thence Northwesterly along said Easterly line of said State Aid Road No. 10 a distance of 881.59 feet to the point of beginning, containing 15 acres of land, according to the Government Survey thereof."

Sec. 2. Such deed shall be conditioned upon the continued use of said land for public purposes and upon discontinuance for such use, the title to said land shall revert to the state of Minnesota.

Approved March 19, 1957.

CHAPTER 171—S. F. No. 783

An act relating to civil defense; amending Laws 1951, Chapter 694, Section 307.

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

Section 1. Laws 1951, Chapter 694, Section 307 is amended to read:

Sec. 307. **Political subdivisions, authority to enter into contracts.** During a Civil Defense Emergency, each political subdivision is, notwithstanding any *statutory or charter provision to the contrary*, empowered, *through its governing body acting within or without the corporate limits of the political subdivision*, to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster by protecting the health and safety of persons and property, and providing emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster. Each political subdivisions is authorized to exercise the powers vested by this subdivision in the light of the exigencies of the disaster without compliance with time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by the law pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, limitations upon tax levies, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds, for example, but not limited to, publication of ordinances and resolutions, publication of calls for bids, pro-

visions of civil service laws and rules, provisions relating to low bids, and requirements for budgets.

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CHAPTER 172—S. F. No. 942

An act relating to conciliation courts, providing a filing fee and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 491.02.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 491.02 is amended to read:

491.02 Duties; powers. The conciliation judge shall have all powers of a court of conciliation and shall exercise all the special powers conferred by this chapter. The conciliation court shall be open at such times as shall be fixed by rule of the municipal court for the hearing and determining of controversies submitted to such court in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. When such judge is not acting as such conciliation court, under this chapter, he shall act as a regular judge of the municipal court. No costs shall be taxed to either party in this court *except that the plaintiff, upon commencing any action in such court, shall pay to the clerk thereof the sum of \$1.00 as a filing fee which may be included in any judgment in favor of the plaintiff*, but the judge may include in the settlement and judgment such actual disbursements of the prevailing party as are now allowed by law in civil actions, and as may seem to him just and proper, or he may refuse to include any disbursements if same shall appear just and proper, under the circumstances. The clerk and court officers of the municipal court shall be, respectively, ex officio clerk and court officers of the conciliation court, but neither the clerk nor any of these officers shall charge any fee for filing or serving any paper in any case brought under the terms of this chapter, while the same is pending in the conciliation court *except said original \$1.00 filing fee*. Causes in this court shall be conducted by the parties without attorneys, but a removal to the municipal court, as provided in this chapter, may be taken through an attorney at law.

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