

tion therefor shall be held to be the agent of the party afterward issuing insurance thereon or a renewal thereof.

Sec. 5. This amendment shall become effective January 1, 1958.

Approved March 23, 1957.

CHAPTER 194—H. F. No. 687

An act relating to interest of public officers in public contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 471.88, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 471.88, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 41, Section 2, is amended to read:

471.88 **Exceptions.** The governing body of any town, school district, village, or city, by unanimous vote, may contract for goods or services with an interested officer of the governmental unit in any of the following cases:

(a) The designation of a bank in which the officer is interested as an authorized depository for public funds when it is the only bank in the governmental unit;

(b) The designation of an official newspaper, or publication of official matters therein, in which the officer is interested when it is the only newspaper complying with statutory or charter requirements relating to the designation or publication;

(c) A contract with a cooperative association of which the officer is a shareholder or stockholder but not an officer or manager;

(d) Subject to section 365.37, a contract for which competitive bids are not required and involving not more than \$500, when the commodity or service contracted for cannot be otherwise obtained either in the governmental unit or in a contiguous like governmental unit.

(e) A contract with a volunteer fire department for the payment of compensation to its members or for the payment of retirement benefits to these members.

(f) A contract with a municipal band for the payment of compensation to its members.

(g) *The governing body of any city, village, town or school district, having a population of less than 2500, may contract for goods or services in which a member of such governing body is interested when the consideration for goods, materials, commodities, or merchandise shall not exceed \$250 in any year, and when the consideration for services does not exceed \$100 in any year.*

Approved March 23, 1957.

CHAPTER 195—H. F. No. 97

[Not Coded]

An act relating to condemnation of dangerous structures in cities of the first class having a population of not less than 300,000 nor more than 450,000 inhabitants; providing for judicial hearings on appeals and providing for the setting of bonds.

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

Section 1. St. Paul, condemnation of dangerous structures. In any city of the first class having a population of not less than 300,000 nor more than 450,000 inhabitants, which city has a home rule charter providing authority for the governing body thereof to adopt, repeal or amend regulations, rules, resolutions or ordinances relating to buildings, the courts shall hear any appeals from the determination of the governing body of such city relative to the dangerous character of any building within thirty days of the filing of a note of issue by either the appellant or such city.

Sec. 2. Petition. When any such appeal is taken, the municipality shall have the right immediately to petition the district court for a determination of whether or not the appellant should file a bond, and public liability insurance and if the court determines that a bond and public liability insurance shall be filed with the municipality, the court shall fix the amount of the bond, and public liability insurance based upon the court's discretion in determining the potential damage which may be caused by the structure during the pendency of the appeal.

Approved March 25, 1957.
