

and to disseminate historical information of the county, and in general to defray the expense of carrying on the historical work in such county; provided that no county board is authorized to appropriate any funds for the benefit of any county historical society unless such society shall be affiliated with and approved by the Minnesota Historical Society.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 138.05 to 138.07 and 138.071, are repealed.

Approved April 12, 1957.

• CHAPTER 395—S. F. No. 393

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the salary of the county treasurer in certain counties.

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

Section 1. **County treasurer, salary.** In any county now or hereafter having a taxable valuation of over \$12,000,-000 and having a population of not less than 15,000 nor more than 16,000 inhabitants and containing less than 20 full and fractional congressional townships and having a land area of less than 600 square miles, the annual salary of the county treasurer shall be \$4,700 without regard to compensation for the increased cost of living as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.43.

Approved April 12, 1957.

CHAPTER 396—S. F. No. 1026

[Coded]

An act relating to state public lands leased for the cultivation and harvesting of stagnant swamp trees, and exempting such lands from general property taxation during the term of the lease.

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

Section 1. [88.652] **Leased state lands not subject to general property taxation.** State lands, leased pursuant to Laws 1955, Chapter 805, for the purposes of cultivating and harvesting stagnant swamp trees for Christmas trees or

other decorative purposes shall not be subject to general property taxation during the term of such lease, and Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 273.19, shall not be applicable thereto, provided, however, that an amount equal to the annual land rental shall be paid in lieu of the general property tax to the county treasurer of the county in which the lands are located at the same time that such rentals are payable to the state, and shall be distributed to the taxing districts in which located in proportion to the mill rates of such districts.

Approved April 12, 1957.

CHAPTER 397—S. F. No. 1253

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the salaries of county commissioners; amending Laws 1949, Chapter 610, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 373.

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

Section 1. Laws 1949, Chapter 610, Section 1 as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 373, Section 1, is amended to read :

Section 1. **County commissioners, salaries.** In each county of this state, now or hereafter having a population of not less than 39,500 and not more than 50,000, according to the 1950 federal census and having a taxable valuation of not less than \$37,000,000 and containing within its boundaries a city of the third class, adjacent to a city of the first class in an adjoining county, the salaries of the county commissioners shall be \$2,100 per year, payable in equal monthly installments and in addition thereto the county commissioners shall receive the cost of living benefits included under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.43, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 546.

Sec. 2. **Validated.** *Any payments heretofore made in any such counties are hereby validated and approved.*

Approved April 12, 1957.

CHAPTER 398—S. F. No. 1265

[Not Coded]

An act legalizing and validating certain city hospital-nursing home bonds.