

the chairman and secretary of the commission after such auditing and approval of the expenditure as may be provided by rules of the commission. The public examiner shall audit the books and accounts of the commission once each year, or as often as funds and personnel of the public examiner permit. The commission shall pay to the state the total cost and expenses of such examination, including the salaries paid to the examiners while actually engaged in making such examination. The revolving fund of the public examiner shall be credited with all collections made for any such examination.

Subd. 5. Every contract of the commission for the purchase of merchandise, materials, or supplies which requires an expenditure of \$1,000 or more shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder after notice has been published once in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the metropolitan area at least ten days in advance of the last day for the submission of bids.

Sec. 9. [473.09] **Annual reports.** The commission shall make an annual report of its activities to the governing bodies of the governmental units and to the public in its metropolitan area.

Approved April 17, 1957.

CHAPTER 469—S. F. No. 431

[Not Coded]

An act relating to a county school tax levy in certain counties; amending Laws 1949, Chapter 375, Section 1, as amended.

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

Section 1. Laws 1949, Chapter 375, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 236, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 249, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 698, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **St. Louis county; school levy, bonds.** In any county of this state now or hereafter having an area in excess of 5,000 square miles, of which more than 50 percent is in unorganized school territory, and less than three percent of the assessed valuation of which is in the unorganized school territory, the county auditor shall make annually a special county school tax levy upon all the taxable property in the county of not to exceed two mills or so much thereof as the

county board of education for the unorganized school territory shall determine to be necessary for the purposes hereof in each of the years 1951 through and including 1968. The proceeds from such tax shall be placed in a separate fund, under the control of such county board of education for the unorganized school territory, and shall be used for the purpose of retiring bonds issued for said unorganized school territory now outstanding or which are hereafter issued for school buildings therein and interest on such bonds; and not less than 65 percent of any proceeds of said levy not needed for such bond and interest payments shall be used for the construction and equipment of new school buildings or for the expansion and equipment of existing school buildings, and the remainder of such proceeds may be used for salaries and operations of schools.

Subsequent to the year 1958 there may be levied an aggregate total of not to exceed \$1,800,000 in taxes, provided, that the levy in any one year shall not exceed one mill, for the sole purpose of school building construction, remodeling and repair, or the payment of the interest and principal on school building bonds, excepting that of said total tax levy of \$1,800,000, hereby authorized, a total sum of \$50,000 may be expended for teachers' salaries or other current school expenses.

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CHAPTER 470—S. F. No. 611

An act relating to public health and providing the financing by local and state government; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 145.51, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 145.51, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

145.51 Funds appropriated and fees collected. Subdivision 1. Every health department established under sections 145.47 to 145.54 shall be operated and maintained from funds appropriated and fees collected within the counties included in the area covered by such health department, together with such state and federal funds and private grants which may be appropriated or granted to it or to any of its participating county or other political subdivisions. The cost of maintenance of every such health department shall be borne by the several participating counties on the basis of the