

CHAPTER 495—H. F. No. 862

An act relating to drainage ditches; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 106.401.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 106.401, is amended to read:

106.401 **Apportionment of liens.** In all cases in which a lien has been established against any tract of land in any drainage ditch proceeding and no instalment of such assessment or interest thereon shall be in default, any person having an interest in the land, or any part thereof, may petition the district court of the county wherein the land is situated to have the lien apportioned between specified portions of the tract. Upon the filing of this petition, the court shall by order fix a time and place when the petition shall be heard and requiring personal service of a notice of the hearing to be made upon the county auditor, the occupants of the premises, and on all parties having an interest in the premises, as shown by the records in the office of the register of deeds of the county, at least ten days before the hearing; or, if for any reason personal service cannot be made upon all of such persons, notice may be given by publication. The court shall hear all evidence bearing upon the matter and shall by order apportion the lien. A certified copy of the order shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county and filed in the office of the auditor. The petitioner shall pay the costs incurred for service or publication. *The subdivision by platting of any tract or parcel of land against which any liens are established in any drainage proceedings shall not be presumed completed and the plat entitled to record until all liens against such tracts or parcels of land are apportioned and such apportionment filed with the register of deeds within the county where the lands are located.*

Approved April 18, 1957.

CHAPTER 496—S. F. No. 1045

An act relating to school safety patrols; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 131.24, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 131.24, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Appointment of members.** Unless the parents or guardian of a pupil object in writing to the school authorities to the appointment of *the pupil* on a school safety patrol, it is lawful for any pupil over *nine* years of age to be appointed and designated as a member thereof, *provided that in any school in which there are no pupils who have attained such age any pupil in the highest grade therein may be so appointed and designated.*

Approved April 18, 1957.

CHAPTER 497—H. F. No. 1136

An act relating to contracts of county boards; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.21, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 375.21, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

375.21 **Contracts of county boards in certain counties.**
Subdivision 1. **Population less than 75,000.** In counties having less than 75,000 population, no contract for work or labor, or for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, or other property, or for the construction or repair of roads, bridges, or buildings, the estimated cost or value of which shall exceed \$2,000, shall be made by the county board without first advertising for bids or proposals in some newspaper of the county. If, for the purchase of property or for work and labor, two weeks' published notice that proposals will be received, stating the time and place, shall be given. If, for the construction or repair of roads, bridges, or buildings, three weeks' published notice shall be given and 15 days' posted notice in the town where the construction is to be done. The notice shall state the time and place of awarding the contract and contain a brief description of the work. Every such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and duly executed in writing, and the person to whom the same is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise. Every contract made without compliance with the provisions of this section shall be void. In case of the destruction of roads or bridges by floods or other casualty, or of unforeseen injuries to machinery in or connected with public buildings, where the public interests would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for bids.

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