

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 166.09, is amended to read:

166.09 Towns, villages, and adjoining counties may jointly build or improve roads or streets. Any town or village in this state having an assessed valuation of not more than \$500,000, exclusive of money and credits, and having roads or streets, separate or continuous, leading into adjoining counties having assessed valuations of not less than \$150,000,000, exclusive of money and credits, and a bonded indebtedness of not to exceed \$7,000,000, may construct and improve or aid in the construction and improvement jointly or severally with the last mentioned counties, such roads or streets. The cost of constructing or improving such roads or streets may be defrayed in such proportions by such counties, villages, and towns as they may agree upon, and each such village or town may provide its share of such cost by the levying of taxes upon the taxable property in such village or town, or by the issuance of certificates of indebtedness or bonds therefor as hereinafter provided.

Approved April 24, 1957.

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CHAPTER 594—H. F. No. 642

[Coded]

*An act relating to the state highway department; authorizing the commissioner of highways to declare certain property surplus and to sell such property to other agencies or municipal subdivisions.*

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

Section 1. [161.23] State property not needed for highway purposes may be declared surplus. [Subdivision 1.] The commissioner of highways is authorized to declare as surplus any property acquired by the state for highway purposes, excluding real estate, which he determines, by order, to be no longer needed or necessary for state highway purposes.

Sec. 2. [Subd. 2.] The commissioner in his order shall direct that the value of the property so declared surplus shall be appraised by the district engineer in whose district the property is located, subject to the approval of the commissioner, and shall authorize the district engineer to transfer the possession of the property to any state agency, or political

subdivision of government or to the United States upon receipt of payment therefor in the amount determined by the district engineer.

Sec. 3. [Subd. 3.] Money received under this act shall be deposited by the district engineer with the state treasurer and credited to the trunk highway fund.

Approved April 24, 1957.

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CHAPTER 595—H. F. No. 831

[Coded]

*An act relating to the powers of town boards and providing for the acquisition by gift, purchase or condemnation of additional lands for town roads in connection with the maintenance and reconstruction thereof.*

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

Section 1. [163.23] **Acquisition of lands for town roads.** Whenever it is necessary for the establishment or the proper maintenance of a town road or in order to properly reconstruct the same, the town board may acquire by gift, purchase or condemnation necessary lands of sufficient width for the construction, maintenance and reconstruction of such roads. If lands are acquired for such purposes by condemnation, proceedings provided by Minnesota Statutes 1953, Chapter 117, as amended, shall be had.

Sec. 2. [163.24] **Resolution of town board to establish town road.** In addition to the methods now provided, the town board, when thereunto duly authorized by a vote of the electors at any annual meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, may establish a town road by resolution, and may acquire such right of way as may be expedient for such road by gift, purchase or condemnation as provided for in this section.

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CHAPTER 596—H. F. No. 895

[Coded]

*An act relating to taxation for school purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 127.05.*

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