port or restricted landing area, or for the enlargement of either, or for other airport purposes, may be acquired by purchase, gift, devise, lease, or other means if such municipality is able to agree with the owners of said property on the terms of such acquisition, and otherwise by condemnation in the manner provided by the law under which such municipality is authorized to acquire like property for public purposes, full power to exercise the right of eminent domain for such purposes being hereby granted every municipality both within and without its territorial limits. If but one municipality is involved and the charter of such municipality prescribes a method of acquiring property by condemnation, proceedings shall be had pursuant to the provisions of such charter and may be followed as to property within or without its territorial limits. The fact that the property needed has been acquired by the owner under power of eminent domain, or is already devoted to a public use, shall not prevent its acquisition by the municipality by the exercise of the right of eminent domain herein conferred. For the purpose of making surveys and examinations relative to any condemnation proceedings, it shall be lawful to enter upon any land, doing no unnecessary damage. Notwithstanding the provisions of this or any other statute or the provisions of any charter, the municipality may take possession of any such property so to be acquired at any time after the filing of the petition describing the same in condemnation proceedings. It shall not be precluded from abandoning the condemnation of any such property in any case where possession thereof has not been taken.

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CHAPTER 616—H. F. No. 1806 [Not Coded]

An act relating to salaries and expenses of the elected officials in counties having over 5,000 square miles and a population of more than 150,000; amending Laws 1949, Chapter 595, Section 1, as amended; Laws 1951, Chapter 275, Section 1; as amended; Laws 1951, Chapter 381, Section 1, as amended. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Laws 1949, Chapter 595, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 391, Section 1, Laws 1953, Chapter 224, Section 1, Laws 1955, Chapter 673, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. St. Louis county officials, salaries. In each

county of this state now or hereafter having a population of 150,000, and an area of over 5,000 square miles, the following county officials shall receive annual salaries to be paid in the same manner as is now established in said counties; sheriff \$11,000; county attorney, \$10,500; clerk of district court, \$8,-750; county treasurer, \$9,750; county superintendent of schools, \$12,000; judge of probate court, \$12,500; clerk of the probate court, \$8,500; each member of the board of county commissioners, \$7,750; county surveyor, \$7,000; and county coroner, \$6,000; to be full compensation for each of said officials for all duties performed by said officers under the laws of this state, and said officials shall be reimbursed for traveling and other expenses in connection with said duties as are now permitted by law.

Sec. 2. Laws 1951, Chapter 275, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 673, Section 2, is amended to read:

Section 1. Register of deeds, St. Louis County, salary. In each county of this state now or hereafter having a population of more than 150,000 and an area of over 5,000 square miles the register of deeds shall receive an annual salary of \$9,750 as full compensation for all services, and said official shall be reimbursed for traveling and other expenses in connection with said duties as are now permitted by law. He shall, on the first day of each month, file with the county auditor a complete statement of all fees received by him of every name and nature whatsoever, including those received under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 511.21, and turn the same into the county treasury.

Sec. 3. Laws 1951, Chapter 381, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 673, Section 3, is amended to read:

Section 1. St. Louis county auditor, salary. In each county in this state now or hereafter having a population of more than 150,000 and an area of over 5,000 square miles the county auditor shall receive an annual salary of \$11,000 as full compensation for all services, and said official shall be reimbursed for traveling and other expenses in connection with said duties as are now permitted by law. He shall, on the first day of each month, file in his office a complete statement of all the fees and commissions received by him of every name and nature whatsoever, including his commission as agent of the commissioner of game and fish pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 98.50, and turn the same into the county treasury.

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