

operating under such limited license shall have such license in his immediate possession at all times when operating as a chauffeur. Such a limited chauffeur's license may also be issued by the secretary of state when in his judgment the privileges of a chauffeur should be limited in that manner because of convictions of other than major offenses against the traffic laws or ordinances or other conditions pertaining to the chauffeur's qualifications.

Approved April 24, 1957.

CHAPTER 637—S. F. No. 588

An act relating to county fair associations in certain counties and providing for payment of certain obligations thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 38.15.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 38.15, is amended to read:

38.15 Sites and buildings. The county board in any such county may also annually appropriate such further sum as it may desire, not exceeding \$7,500, for the purpose of procuring a suitable site and the erection of a suitable county building thereon, for the building or repairing of a race track and for grading and improving the grounds, to be used in connection with such county fair, but the site and the building and improvements shall be and remain the property of the county, and the annual appropriation shall be used only for the purpose of so acquiring the site and building and grading and for the necessary care, repair, maintenance, and up-keep thereof. *In any county in this state now or hereafter having a population in excess of 150,000 and an area of more than 5,000 square miles, the county agricultural society may expend funds appropriated to it for the year 1957 for the payment of debts and liabilities incurred during the year 1956 in the construction of county fair buildings, notwithstanding the provisions of Laws 1941, Chapter 118.*

Approved April 24, 1957.

CHAPTER 638—S. F. No. 1044

An act relating to drainage; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 106.031, Subdivision 1, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 106.031, Subdivision 1, as amended by Laws 1955, Chapter 800, Section 1, is amended to read:

106.031 Petition. Subdivision 1. **Form.** Before any public drainage system or other improvement authorized by sections 106.011 to 106.661 is established, a petition therefor shall be filed with the county auditor, if for a drainage system entirely within one county, or with the clerk of the district court, if for a drainage system within two or more counties. Such petition shall be signed by not less than a majority of the resident owners of the land described in the petition or by the owners of at least 60 percent of the area of such land. The lands described in the petition shall be those over which the proposed ditch passes or upon which the improvement is located, and the petition shall set forth the description of such lands and shall set forth the necessity for the ditch or improvement, and that the same will be of public benefit and utility and will promote the public health, with the description of the starting point, the general course, and terminus or location of the same. The petition shall state that the petitioners will pay all costs and expenses which may be incurred in case the proceedings are dismissed or for any reason no contract for the construction thereof is let. Such petition may be signed by the authorized representative of any municipal corporation or by the commissioner of highways, or the authorized agent of any public institution or any corporation which may be affected by or assessed for the proposed construction; but in such case, the signature of such representatives, commissioner, agent, or corporation shall each count only as one signature on the petition. Each ditch proceeding shall be designated by number assigned by the auditor or clerk.

Approved April 24, 1957.

CHAPTER 639—S. F. No. 1278

[Coded]

An act relating to taxation of forest lands by creating a method of taxation based on the value increase by growth of various classes of forest lands.

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

Section 1. [270.31] **Citation.** This act may be cited as the "Minnesota Tree Growth Tax Law."