

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 412.691, is amended to read:

412.691 Chief purchasing agent; amount of purchase; audit and approval. The village manager shall be the chief purchasing agent of the village. All purchases for the village and all contracts shall be made or let by the village manager when the amount of the purchase or contract does not exceed \$1,000; but all claims resulting therefrom shall be audited and approved by the council as provided in section 412.271. All other purchases shall be made and all other contracts let by the council after the recommendation of the manager has first been obtained. All contracts, bonds and instruments of every kind to which the village is a party shall be signed by the mayor and the village manager on behalf of the village and shall be executed in the name of the village.

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 527—H. F. No. 1503

[Not Coded]

An act relating to Anoka county; authorizing tax levies for library purposes.

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

Section 1. Library tax levy. Notwithstanding any limitation in Minnesota Statutes, Section 375.33 the county board of Anoka county may levy an annual tax of not more than three mills on all taxable property described in Minnesota Statutes, Section 375.33, for library purposes as prescribed in section 375.33.

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective upon its approval by a majority of the members of the board of county commissioners of Anoka county.

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 528—H. F. No. 325

An act relating to the powers of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 219.40.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 219.40 is amended to read:

219.40 Determination; order; flagmen or safety device. The commission shall decide the matter set forth in the complaint and make a report in writing thereof, including findings of fact, and make such order as it shall deem proper in the premises and, if the commission shall find the crossing to be dangerous, it may require the railroad company complained of to provide flagmen at such crossing, or adopt such safety device as the commission may deem necessary for the proper protection of the crossing; or it may require the removal of any structure or embankment from the right of way of the railroad company, or it may require the railroad company to construct an overhead or maintain an underground crossing and divide the cost thereof between the railroad company, the town, county, municipal corporation, or state highway department interested, on such terms and conditions as to the commission may seem just and equitable. Where the railroad has been constructed or the grade thereof lowered after the laying out of the highway and the railroad tracks are seven feet or more below the natural surface of the ground, the commission may require the maintenance of an overhead bridge with suitable approaches and require the complaining city, village, town, or county to remove any embankment or structure from the streets or town or county roads as in the opinion may be reasonable and necessary to properly protect the crossings; provided, that no highway shall be laid out over any railroad so as to cross the same grade until such crossing has been approved by the commission. If the railroad and warehouse commission orders the installation of a safety device or the removal of a structure or embankment from the right of way of a railroad company or orders the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of an underground or overhead crossing on a state trunk highway, the division of the costs between the railroad and state shall be on the basis of benefit to each and the state's share shall be paid from the state trunk highway fund.

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 529—H. F. No. 1850

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An act relating to Wadena county; authorizing the issuance of bonds to finance the acquisition, building, furnishing,