

designated in section 1 in this act in the amounts determined by the county board by resolution; and shall pay the premiums for any bonds required of such officers by law.

Sec. 4. Deputies, to be determined by county board. The county board shall determine the number of deputies required by county auditor, county treasurer, and register of deeds; and the county shall pay salaries for such deputies as determined by the board.

Sec. 5. Effective date. This act shall become effective immediately on its approval by the county board of the county of Anoka and such approval shall be expressed by resolution approved by the majority of the members of the county board.

Sec. 6. Repealer. Upon this act becoming effective, Laws 1957, Chapter 92, is repealed.

Approved April 10, 1959.

CHAPTER 200—S. F. No. 510

[Not Coded]

An act providing for the establishment of the office of county budget and purchasing agent in the County of Hennepin; fixing his powers and duties, defining misconduct on the part of such agent, his assistants and employees, and prescribing a penalty therefor; amending the title to and certain provisions of Laws 1951, Chapter 556.

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

Section 1. The title to Laws 1951, Chapter 556, is amended to read:

Title. An act providing for the establishment of the office of county budget and purchasing agent in *the County of Hennepin*; fixing his powers and duties, defining misconduct on the part of such agent, his assistants and employees, and prescribing a penalty therefor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 375.21, Subdivision 2, and Section 164.22.

Sec. 2. Laws 1951, Chapter 556, Section 1, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **Hennepin County, purchasing agent.** Subdivision 1. The county board of *the County of Hennepin*

may as of July 1st of any year after the passage of this act, establish the office of budget and purchasing agent, hereinafter referred to as the agent, appoint a qualified person to fill such office, and provide him with such office space, equipment, supplies and assistants as may be necessary to enable him to perform his duties.

Sec. 3. Laws 1951, Chapter 556, Section 3, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Limitation of authority.** The agent's authority shall not extend to any purchases for either the municipal building commission, or the county welfare board nor to purchases made from the county attorney's contingent fund, the sheriff's revolving fund, the petty cash *fund* of the Home School for Boys, *the county sanatorium commission's imprest fund*, nor to the purchase of election supplies and ballots and assessment books and supplies required by law to be furnished by the county auditor.

Sec. 4. Laws 1951, Chapter 556, Section 7, is amended to read:

Sec. 7. **Sanatorium commission, purchases.** Subdivision 1. All purchases of, and contracts for goods, materials, supplies and equipment, and all sales of personal property which has become obsolete and unusable, shall be based wherever possible on competitive bids. If the amount of the expenditure or sale is estimated at \$1,000 or more, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice and in all such cases the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 375.21, Subdivision 2, as hereby amended, shall apply, except that in case of purchases in connection with the construction and improvement of any road and in the improvement or erection of any bridge, the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 164.22 as hereby amended, and Section 160.301, shall apply. Such notice shall include a general description of the commodities to be purchased, or personal property to be sold, and shall state where bid blanks and specifications may be obtained and the time and place for the opening of bids. The agent shall also solicit sealed bids by sending requests by mail to prospective suppliers and by posting notice on a public bulletin board in his office.

All purchases or sales of less than \$1,000 in amount may be made in the open market without newspaper notice, but wherever possible shall be based on at least three competitive bids.

Sales shall be made to the highest responsible bidder.

Subd. 2. All bids for the furnishing of goods, materials, supplies and equipment estimated to cost \$1,000 or more shall be in writing accompanied by the required deposit and shall be securely sealed until opened as herein provided. Such bids shall be publicly opened by the agent at a meeting of the county board at a time specified in the published advertisement for bids, shall be read aloud by the agent and then tabulated by him and he shall sign the tabulation and immediately file a signed copy thereof with the county auditor; *provided, in case of bids for the furnishing of goods, materials, supplies and equipment to be paid from county sanatorium funds, the same shall be opened in like manner at a meeting of the county sanatorium commission and a copy of such tabulation filed with the county auditor and with the secretary of such commission.* The agent shall accept the lowest bid and award the contract to such lowest bidder unless the agent on account of the quality or character of the goods, materials, or supplies proposed to be furnished by the lowest bidder or the financial responsibility and reputation of said bidder, deems it advisable that such bid be rejected; in which case the agent shall present to the county board, *or to the county sanatorium commission, as the case may be,* a written statement of the reasons why such lowest bid should not be accepted and shall advise the county board *or such commission* which bid in his judgment is the next lowest bid of a responsible bidder, and the county board *or such commission, as the case may be,* may thereupon order the agent to accept that bid or reject all bids. When a formal contract is required or deemed advisable it shall be prepared by the agent and shall be executed on behalf of the county by the chairman of the county board, *and on behalf of the county sanatorium commission by the president of such commission,* and the agent and attested by the county auditor. All bids may be rejected by the agent and a new call for bids published if in the opinion of the agent the public interest may be best served thereby. The successful bidder shall, at the time of executing the contract, give bond conditioned as required by law.

Subd. 3. The agent shall make no purchases or bargain for the expenditure of money from a fund, the payment of which, including the amount already expended or appropriated, shall exceed in any fiscal year the amount specifically apportioned to such fund at the beginning of such year. All purchases shall be paid upon itemized claims audited and allowed by the county board, *or the county sanatorium commission, as the case may be,* as required by law.

Sec. 5. Laws 1951, Chapter 556, Section 8, is amended to read:

Sec. 8. Emergency purchases. In case of an emergency arising from breakage, damage or decay of any property of the county which cannot be allowed to wait for the time required to advertise for bids, the county board, *or the county sanatorium commission if the emergency relates to property used and occupied for sanatorium purposes*, may by resolution which shall find such emergency to exist, authorize the agent to make specific purchases of goods, materials and supplies necessary to make the needed repairs *and contract therefor* without advertising for bids.

Sec. 6. Laws 1951, Chapter 556, Section 13, is amended to read:

Sec. 13. Amendment of existing laws. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 375.21, Subdivision 2, and Section 164.22 are amended to conform with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 7. Effective date. This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the governing body of the County of Hennepin.

Approved April 10, 1959.

CHAPTER 201—S. F. No. 538

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the City of Saint Paul and the County of Ramsey to pay current joint liabilities.

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

Section 1. Joint liabilities. The city of Saint Paul and the county of Ramsey may by majority vote of their governing bodies enter into an agreement providing for a mutually satisfactory method of making payment for services, materials or supplies for which they are jointly charged under law. The agreement may provide that the payment for such services may be made by either the city or the county from a joint fund established under the exclusive control of either the city or the county. In the event the agreement provides that one subdivision of government shall pay such joint obligation in full, it may, in such case, provide that the other subdivision shall discharge its part of the joint obligation by paying its share of the obligation to the subdivision first paying such obligation in full.