

capacity to the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission and the Director of said Commission shall furnish to each of these departments a copy of the operational plan and pertinent technical reports of said district.

Sec. 12. This act shall be effective as to any eligible county or any contiguous county only after its approval by a majority vote of the governing body of such county. When and at such time as this approval is given, then the district consisting of the eligible counties shall have the authority to take over the assets of the contractually formed commission which heretofore existed.

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 489—S. F. No. 1460

An act relating to vocational training for inmates; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 246.38.

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

Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 246.38 is amended to read:

Vocational training for inmates; administration. Such work activity as authorized by section 246.37 shall be for the primary purpose of reforming, teaching proper work habits to, and providing vocational training for the inmates of the reformatory and not as a competitive business venture. To accomplish the foregoing purpose, the commissioner of public welfare shall have the power and authority:

(a) To determine, by consultation with the superintendent, labor and industrial organizations, the state apprenticeship council, the state industrial commission, the department of administration, and such other persons and bodies as he may feel qualified, the quantity and nature of goods, wares, and merchandise to be made and the types of processes to be used in their manufacture, processing, repair, and production consistent with the greatest opportunity for reform and vocational training for the inmates and with the best interests of labor, industry, and the state.

(b) To publish and distribute a schedule of prices for the sale and repair of goods, wares, and merchandise, which shall be set at a minimum consistent with the cost of production and in no event shall exceed the wholesale market price

for similar products produced elsewhere in the State of Minnesota.

(c) To authorize the superintendent to take in a limited and minor amount of outside work for repair or processing which shall offer experience and practical training in various vocations not otherwise obtainable in processes current in the factory. Priority for such repair or processing shall be given to state institutions.

(d) To encourage inmates to engage in handicraft during their leisure time and to assist in the sale of such handicraft articles by providing retail sales outlets to make such products available to the public for the account of the inmates, under such rules and regulations as the commissioner of public welfare may prescribe, for the mutual benefit of the inmates, industry, labor, and the public.

(e) To formulate a system of records or accounts which shall at all times indicate the extent of purchases and sales, which shall be open to public inspection.

(f) There is hereby created a revolving fund available for the purpose of carrying on all industrial enterprises at the St. Cloud reformatory, with the exception of the license plate revolving fund.

(g) The fund shall be used for the purchase of raw materials, payment of salaries and wages, other expenses necessary and proper in the conduct of such industrial enterprises authorized by law, and for such other purposes, or be devoted to such other uses, as may hereafter be by law duly authorized.

(h) All moneys from the operation of such industries shall be deposited in the state treasury and paid out only on such proper vouchers as may be authorized and approved by the commissioner of public welfare, and in the same manner and under the same restrictions as are now provided by law for the disbursement of funds by the commissioner. The commissioner of public welfare is hereby authorized to keep and maintain at the reformatory a contingent fund, as provided in section 246.21; but such contingent fund shall be at all times covered and protected by a proper and sufficient bond to be duly approved as by law now provided.

(i) To accomplish the foregoing purposes the commissioner of public welfare and the superintendent of the reformatory for men are authorized, when in their judgment it becomes necessary to meet current demands on the revolving fund of the reformatory for men, to borrow from the unobli-

gated balance in the working capital fund heretofore established at the reformatory for the manufacture of license plates such sums as may be needed for the aforesaid purposes, provided that no more than \$50,000 may be so borrowed at one time, and provided further that such money be returned to the fund from which it was borrowed within three years from the date of transfer.

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 490—S. F. No. 1477

An act relating to local improvements and special assessments in cities of the second, third, and fourth class, villages, boroughs and certain towns; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 429.051.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 429.051 is amended to read:

429.051 Apportionment of cost. The cost of any improvement, or any part thereof, may be assessed upon property benefited by the improvement, based upon the benefits received, whether or not the property abuts on the improvement and whether or not any part of the cost of the improvement is paid from the county state-aid highway fund, the municipal state-aid street fund, or the trunk highway fund. The area assessed may be less than but may not exceed the area proposed to be assessed as stated in the notice of hearing on the improvement, except as provided below. The municipality may pay such portion of the cost of the improvement as the council may determine from general ad valorem tax levies or from other revenues or funds of the municipality available for the purpose. The municipality may subsequently reimburse itself for all or any of the portion of the cost of a water or sanitary sewer improvement so paid by levying additional assessments upon any properties abutting on but not previously assessed for the improvement, on notice and hearing as provided for the assessments initially made. To the extent that such an improvement benefits non-abutting properties which may be served by the improvement when one or more later extensions or improvements are made but which are not initially assessed therefor, the municipality may also reimburse itself by adding all or any of the portion of the cost so paid to the assessments levied for any of such later extensions