

*of this subdivision, the auditor may furnish such election supplies to the person entitled thereto in the same manner as such supplies are furnished in unorganized territory. If there are election precincts in unorganized territory in the county, the county auditor shall send by registered or certified mail, insured parcel post, express, or deliver to the judges in these precincts the supplies that are required enumerated in this subdivision to be picked up by the clerks.*

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CHAPTER 22—S. F. No. 47

*An act relating to drainage; providing for the payment of ditch repairs; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 106.471, Subdivision 3.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 106.471, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

**Subd. 3. Drainage; ditch repairs; contribution by counties.** In the case of any ditch situated in two or more counties and at the end of each year or other convenient period following its completion, *the auditor of any county may present a statement, based on the original apportionment of cost made by the court following the establishment of the ditch, to each county affected showing the nature of the repairs made to the ditch and the costs and expenses thereof, and when allowed by the board, such statement shall be paid to the submitting county, and in the event of the failure of any county to pay such statement, the board of any county affected may petition the court having jurisdiction thereof. Such petition shall show the nature of the repairs made to the ditch in the county during the period and the necessity thereof, and the costs and expenses thereof, and shall pray the order of the court apportioning such costs and expenses among the counties affected. Upon the filing of the petition the court shall, by order, fix a time and place for hearing thereon and shall cause the clerk to give notice of the hearing to each county affected, by publication and by mailed notice to its auditor. At or prior to the time of hearing, the auditor of each county affected, except petitioner, shall file with the court a statement showing all repairs made to the ditch in his county, not previously reimbursed hereunder, together with the nature thereof, the necessity thereof, and the costs and expenses thereof. At such hearing the court shall have*

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jurisdiction of the respective counties and shall hear all interested parties. If it appears that the repairs made by either or all the counties affected were necessary, and that the amounts expended therefor were reasonable and proper, the court shall so find and shall balance the accounts between the respective counties, charging each county with its proportionate share of the costs and expenses of all such repairs made by all the counties and crediting each county with the portion thereof theretofore paid by it, and shall order reimbursement by any county or counties affected to any other county or counties as shall be just. A certified copy of the order shall be filed by the clerk with the auditor of each county, and the county boards shall respectively make reimbursement as therein required.

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CHAPTER 23—S. F. No. 170

*An act relating to the powers of the commissioner of highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 161.35, as amended.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 161.35, as amended by Laws 1963, Chapter 456, Section 1, is amended to read:

**161.35 Commissioner of highways; employment of consultants.** Until July 1, 1965; July 1, 1967, the commissioner is authorized to employ and engage the services of registered professional engineers, engineering firms, and registered land surveyors, to act as consultants in connection with and to prepare plans and specifications or to perform aerial photography and survey work preliminary to the preparation of plans and specifications themselves or by their organizations and employees for the construction of trunk highways, and the commissioner is authorized to negotiate for and agree upon the terms and compensation for such employment and services. If the commissioner employs and engages an engineering firm, the person or persons in responsible charge of the work or service to be performed shall be registered professional engineers or land surveyors.

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