

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.

Approved February 22, 1965.

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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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