

7. Benton, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, Clay, Becker, and Wadena; four judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Moorhead, Fergus Falls, Little Falls, and St. Cloud;

8. Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Meeker, Renville, Swift, Yellow Medicine, Big Stone, Grant, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin; three judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in *Morris*, ~~Glenwood~~, Montevideo, and Litchfield;

9. Norman, Polk, Marshall, Kittson, Red Lake, Roseau, Mah-nomen, Pennington, Aitkin, Itasca, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Clearwater, Cass, and Koochiching; six judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Crookston, Thief River Falls, Bemidji, Brainerd, Grand Rapids, and International Falls;

10. Anoka, Isanti, Wright, Sherburne, Kanabec, Pine, Chisago, and Washington; four judges; and permanent chambers shall be maintained in Anoka, Lindstrom-Center City, and Stillwater.

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CHAPTER 183—H. F. No. 790

An act relating to public drainage systems; amending certain provisions relating to the maintenance of private bridges and culverts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 106.271 and 106.471, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 106.271, is amended to read:

106.271 **Drainage; private bridges and culverts; authority of director.** The auditor or clerk shall notify the state and each municipality, railroad company, or other corporation to construct any bridge or culvert required upon its road or right of way, within a reasonable time named in the notice.

If the work is not done within the time limited, the county board or district court may order the same built as a part of the construction of the system and the cost thereof shall be deducted from the damages allowed the corporation or collected from it as in case of an assessment for benefits, and in all cases where the report

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of the engineer or viewers shows the necessity for the construction of such bridge, the board or court may order sufficient retained from any sum due such municipality, railroad, or other corporation to secure the construction of the bridge or culvert.

On public highways, all bridges and culverts required by the construction and improvement of any public open ditch, shall be constructed and maintained by the public authority charged by law with the duty of keeping such highway in repair, except as hereinafter in this section noted.

In all cases where a public road or street, not a state trunk highway, is on the line between two public corporations, whether in the same county or not, such corporations shall bear jointly and in equal shares the cost of constructing any bridge or culvert on such road or street made necessary by the construction or improvement of any public drainage ditch; and such corporations shall bear jointly and in equal shares the cost of thereafter maintaining the same.

In all cases where a public drainage ditch is constructed along the boundary line between towns or counties, and excavated material therefrom is deposited on the boundary line or within two rods thereof, the cost of constructing and maintaining all bridges and culverts constructed across such ditch along the boundary upon town or county roads shall be paid and borne equally by the town or county wherein the bridge or culvert is located and by the other town or county adjoining the boundary.

Private bridges or culverts, constructed as a part of any ditch system hereafter established, shall be maintained by the county board as a part of the ditch. *Private bridges or culverts constructed as a part of any ditch system established by proceedings instituted before March 25, 1947, may be maintained, repaired, or rebuilt as a part of the ditch by the county board at the option of the board the cost of which may be paid in whole or part by the ditch system.*

No bridge, or culvert, public or private, shall be constructed or maintained in or across any public drainage ditch with less waterway opening than specified in the engineer's report, except with the written approval of the director. If the engineer's report does not specify the waterway opening, no bridge or culvert, public or private, in or across any public drainage ditch, may be constructed or reconstructed without the approval of the director of the dimensions of waterway opening.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 106.471, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

106.471 **Repairs.** Subdivision 1. **Definition; maintenance**

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of bridges. (a) The term "repair" used in this section means restoring a ditch system or any part thereof as nearly as practicable to the same condition as when originally constructed or subsequently improved, including resloping of open ditches and leveling of waste banks thereon if deemed essential to prevent further deterioration, and such routine operations as may be from time to time required to remove obstructions and preserve the efficiency of the ditch.

(b) After construction, all highway bridges and culverts on any ditch system hereafter established shall be maintained by the municipality or public authority charged with the duty of maintaining the same as set forth in section 106.271. Private bridges and culverts, constructed as a part of any ditch system hereafter established, shall thereafter be maintained by the county as a part of such ditch system. *Private bridges or culverts constructed as a part of any ditch system established by proceedings instituted before March 25, 1947, may be maintained, repaired, or rebuilt, as a part of the ditch by the county board at the option of the board the cost of which may be paid in whole or part by the ditch system.*

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CHAPTER 184—H. F. No. 797

An act relating to aid to the disabled; property ownership exceptions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 245.27, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 245.27, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Aid to disabled; property ownership; exceptions.**

(1) Household goods and furniture used in the home, wearing apparel, insurance policies the cash surrender value of which does not exceed \$500 per person, *moneys prepaid for funerals not to exceed \$500 per person*, and a lot in a burial ground shall not be considered in determining the property limitation set forth in subdivision 2.

(2) If the liquidation of the personal property convertible into cash referred to in subdivision 2 would cause undue loss or hardship, the county agency, in its discretion, may nevertheless grant assistance.

(3) If there is no available market for the sale of the real

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