

not exceeding 30 mills on the dollar on all the taxable property within the county.

Sec. 2. This act takes effect when approved by the board of county commissioners of Aitkin county, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 24, 1969.

CHAPTER 613—S. F. No. 1407

An act relating to the letting of certain contracts as to highways and roads; and the letting of contracts by county boards; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 160.17, Subdivisions 1 and 2, and 375.21, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 160.17, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

160.17 Highways; road construction contracts; counties and towns. Subdivision 1. **Plans and specifications to be filed in certain cases.** No contract for the construction or improvement of any road by a county or town wherein the contract price exceeds ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,500 shall be let unless the plans and specifications for such construction or improvement are on file in the office of the county auditor and a true copy thereof available for reference in the office of the county highway engineer with respect to county and county state-aid highways, and with the town clerk with respect to town roads.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 160.17, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Advertisement for bids.** No county or town road contract for construction or improvement exceeding ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,500 shall be let without first advertising for bids in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county where the construction or improvement is proposed to be done. The advertisement shall be published once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be made at least ten days before the time fixed for receiving bids and letting the contract. It shall specify, generally, the work to be done,

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the place where the plans and specifications are on file, and the time and place of receiving bids and awarding the contract.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 375.21, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

375.21 Contracts of county boards. Subdivision 1. No contract for work or labor, or for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, or other property, or for the construction or repair of roads, bridges, or buildings, the estimated cost or value of which exceeds ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,500, shall be made by a county board without first advertising for bids or proposals in some newspaper of the county. If, for the purchase of property or for work and labor, two weeks published notice that proposals will be received, stating the time and place, shall be given. If, for the construction or repair of roads, bridges, or buildings, three weeks published notice shall be given. The notice shall state the time and place of awarding the contract and contain a brief description of the work. Every such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and duly executed in writing, and the person to whom the same is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise. Every contract made without compliance with the provisions of this section shall be void. In case of the destruction of roads or bridges by floods or other casualty, or of unforeseen injuries to machinery in or connected with public buildings, where the public interests would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for bids.

Approved May 24, 1969.

CHAPTER 614—S. F. No. 1567

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the firemen's relief association in the city of Faribault; amending Laws 1947, Chapter 43, Section 12, as amended.

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

Section 1. Laws 1947, Chapter 43, Section 12, as amended by Laws 1949, Chapter 154, Section 2, Laws 1951, Chapter 43, Section 1, Laws 1957, Chapter 36, Section 2, Laws 1961, Chapter 443, Section 2, and Laws 1967, Chapter 807, Section 1, is amended to read:

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