

duties, on a mileage basis at the rate fixed by law; court commissioner, \$9,000, and in addition thereto the court commissioner may retain fees received for performing marriage ceremonies without accounting for the same or turning them in to the county treasury; register of deeds and registrar of titles, where the two offices are held by one person, \$9,000; sheriff, \$9,000; and each member of the board of county commissioners. *The board of commissioners may fix the annual salary of each commissioner, which salary shall not exceed \$7,000 and such transportation and traveling expenses as allowed by provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 382.03.*

Sec. 2. Laws 1951, Chapter 702, Section 2, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 753, Section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **Provisions retroactive; salary increases, expiration.** The provisions of this act shall be retroactive to January 1, 1955, and the salaries herein fixed shall be paid on county auditor's warrants in equal semi-monthly installments, *the increases granted in this act shall expire on May 31, 1957.*

Sec. 3. **Repealer.** Laws 1951, Chapter 702, Section 3, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 753, Section 3, is hereby repealed.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 876—S. F. No. 1525

An act relating to discrimination in the pricing of milk, cream or butterfat; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 32.11 and 32.12.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 32.11, is amended to read:

32.11 Discrimination in buying. Any person, firm, copartnership, or corporation engaged in the business of buying milk, cream or butterfat for manufacture or for sale of such milk, cream, or butterfat, who shall discriminate between different sections, localities, communities, or cities of this state, *or who shall discriminate between persons in the same section, locality, community or city of this state*, by purchasing such commodity at a higher price or rate *from one person or in one locality than is paid for the same commodity by such person, firm, copartnership, or corporation in the same locality or in another locality*, after making due allowance for the difference, if any, in the *reasonable* cost of transportation from the local-

ity of purchase to the locality of manufacture or locality of sale of such milk, cream, or butterfat, shall be deemed guilty of unfair discrimination; and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$100.00, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not exceeding 90 days.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 32.12, is amended to read:

32.12 Higher price. *Subdivision 1.* Proof that any person, firm, copartnership, or corporation has paid a higher price for milk or cream or butterfat in one locality or to one person in the same locality than to another, or to another person in the same locality, after due allowance for the reasonable cost of transportation has been made, shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of section 32.11.

Subd. 2. Wherever the transportation cost actually paid for hauling cream shall be 2 cents or more per pound for butterfat therein contained, and 15 cents per one hundred pounds for transportation of whole milk, such transportation charge shall be deemed a compliance with the terms of section 32.11 as to reasonable cost of transportation.

Subd. 3. It shall not be unfair discrimination for any person to pay, in any section, locality, community, city, or village in this state, a price equal to that actually paid on the same day by any bona fide competitor in such place for milk, cream or butterfat of the same kind, quality and grade, provided such price is paid in a good faith effort to meet such competition, but the burden of proving such facts shall be upon the person charged with violation of section 32.11.

Approved April 25, 1955.

CHAPTER 877—S. F. No. 1561

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An act relating to the sale of seeds; amending Laws 1955, Chapter 221, Section 4.

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

Section 1. Laws 1955, Chapter 221, Section 4, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. [21.503] **Other seed certification agencies.** The official seed certification agency for other jurisdictions