

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 215.19, is amended to read :

215.19. Examination of municipal records. *The freeholders of any city, borough, village, or town may petition the public examiner to examine the books, records, accounts, and affairs of any such city, borough, village, or town; when the population thereof is not more than 2,000, the petition shall be signed by at least six freeholders for each 100 inhabitants; when the population thereof is over 2,000 the petition shall be signed by at least four freeholders for each 100 inhabitants. Likewise, the freeholders of any school district may petition the public examiner in the same manner, provided that the petition shall be signed by at least ten freeholders for each 50 pupils in average daily attendance during the preceding school year as shown on the records in the office of the county superintendent of schools. In no case shall the petition for an examination of a town bear the names of less than 25 freeholders; and in the case of a city, borough, or village having a population over 2,000 said petition shall be signed by not less than 120 freeholders; and provided, that in the case of school districts and all other cities, villages, and boroughs, said petition shall be signed by at least ten freeholders. At the time it is circulated, every petition shall contain a statement that the cost of the audit will be borne by the city, village, borough, town, or school district as provided by law. Before such petition is delivered to the public examiner it shall be presented to the auditor of the county in which such city, borough, town, village, or school district is situated, who shall determine whether such petition is signed by the required number of freeholders and shall certify such fact thereon, and such certificate shall be conclusive evidence thereof in any action or proceeding for the recovery of the costs, charges and expenses of any examination made pursuant to such petition.*

Approved March 29, 1951.

CHAPTER 186—H. F. No. 506

An act relating to the examination by the public examiner of the books, records, and accounts of cities other than cities of

the first class; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 215.13.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 215.13, is amended to read:

215.13. **Cities of second, third or fourth class.** The public examiner shall have like power and duty to supervise the accounts of all cities not included in section 215.12. He shall have the authority to require, in his discretion, the financial officers of any city not included in section 215.12 to send all books, accounts, and vouchers pertaining to the receipt, disbursement, and custody of its public funds to the office of the public examiner for examination. He may prescribe and install for such cities systems of accounts and reports, which shall be uniform for each class of cities and offices. He may conduct such examinations of accounts and records as he may deem the public interest to demand.

The report of such examination shall be filed with the mayor and city council or commission; and, in case of any violation of law, it shall be prosecuted, as provided in section 215.12 with respect to the examination of *cities of the first class*.

Approved March 29, 1951.

CHAPTER 187—H. F. No. 539

An act relating to the duties and responsibilities of the public examiner; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 215.21.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 215.21, is amended to read:

215.21. **Examination, payment of cost.** Upon the examination of the books, records, accounts, and affairs of any city, village, town, or school district, as provided by law, such