

## CHAPTER 374—H. F. No. 1189.

*An Act compelling every board and department of every city having a city comptroller and having now or hereafter a population of fifty thousand (50,000) or more inhabitants, to furnish such city comptroller with the necessary data to enable him to properly audit and adjust all matters relating to the expenditure of public funds of such city.*

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

**Construction of word "board" or "department."**—Section 1. The terms "board" or "department," as used in this act, shall mean and embrace board of education, library board, park board, board of charities and corrections and all other boards or departments of every kind and nature expending public funds for the use and benefit of any such city.

**Duty of board or department.**—Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of every such board or department on the first day of each calendar month and at such other times as the city comptroller, in writing, may demand, including such further information as the city comptroller may demand, to furnish such city comptroller with an accurate and complete statement, properly attested by the proper officer, of all its acts, including all the names, addresses, kind of labor and compensation to be paid to each of its employes and duration thereof, and whenever any such board or department expends or is about to expend, money for the purchase of any lands, goods, materials, labor, supplies or anything of value, and enters into a written contract therefor, such board or department shall immediately furnish such city comptroller with a certified duplicate copy thereof; and no contract shall be valid unless countersigned by said city comptroller.

**Access to books, papers, etc.**—Sec. 3. For the purpose of fully complying with this act, the city comptroller or any person such city comptroller may designate, shall have full and complete access to all books, papers, documents, statements or accounts on file or of record with any of such boards or departments, at any and all times and any officer, agent, employe or other person in charge of any such board or department, refusing the city comptroller, full and complete access to all such books, papers, documents, statements or accounts shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 22, 1909.