

vided, however, that this section shall in no wise interfere with the publication of the annual *county financial statement*.

*Subdivision 5. The director of social welfare shall have authority to require such methods of administration as are necessary for compliance with requirements of the federal social security act as amended and for the proper and efficient operation of all welfare programs. This authority to require methods of administration shall include methods relating to the establishment and maintenance of personnel standards on a merit basis as concerns all employees of county welfare boards except those employed in an institution, sanatorium, or hospital; provided, however, that the director of social welfare shall exercise no authority with respect to the selection, tenure of office, and compensation of any individual employed in accordance with such methods. The adoption of methods relating to the establishment and maintenance of personnel standards on a merit basis of all such employees of the county welfare boards and the examination thereof, and the administration thereof shall be directed and controlled exclusively by the director of social welfare."*

Approved April 26, 1941.

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#### CHAPTER 477—S. F. No. 1117

*An act to amend Section 9618, Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927 relating to the perpetuating of evidence of mortgage foreclosure sale by advertisement.*

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Section 9618, Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927 be, and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

9618. **Perpetuating evidence of sale.**—Any party desiring to perpetuate the evidence of any sale made in pursuance of this chapter may procure:

1. An affidavit of the publication of the notice of sale and of any notice of postponement, to be made by the printer of the newspaper in which the same was inserted, or by some person in his employ knowing the facts.

2. An affidavit or return of service of such notice upon the occupant of the mortgaged premises, to be made by the

officer or person making such service, or, in case the premises were vacant or unoccupied at the time when such service must be made, an affidavit or return showing that fact, to be made by the officer or person attempting to make such service.

3. *An affidavit by the person foreclosing said mortgage, or his attorney, or someone knowing the facts, setting forth the facts relating to the military service status of the owner of the mortgaged premises at the time of sale.*

Such affidavits and returns shall be recorded by the Register of Deeds and they and the records thereof, and certified copies of such records, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein contained.

*The affidavit provided for in subdivision 3 hereof may be made and filed for record for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, passed by the Congress of the United States and approved on October 17, 1940, and may be made and filed for record at any time subsequent to the date of the mortgage foreclosure sale.*

Section 2. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 26, 1941.

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#### CHAPTER 478—S. F. No. 1219

*An act relating to the organization and administration of state government, the powers of the commissioner of administration and competitive bidding, amending Mason's 1940 Supplement, Section 53-18f, Subdivision (a).*

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 53-18f, is hereby amended to read as follows:

53-18f. **To receive competitive bids.**—(a) Except as otherwise provided by this act, all contracts for construction or repairs and all purchases of and all contracts for supplies, materials, purchase or rental of equipment, and utility services shall be based on competitive bids, and all sales of property shall be to the highest responsible bidder after advertising for bids as herein provided; provided, that competitive bids shall not be required for utility services where no competition exists, or where rates are fixed by law or ordinance.