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justice of the peace having jurisdiction thereof; but this act shall not be construed as applying to any such act which is already declared an offense by any statute or law now existing in this State.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1877.

CHAPTER 136.

AN ACT TO PREVENT TOWN BOARDS FROM LETTING CON-CONTRACTS TO ITS OWN MEMBERS.

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

SECTION 1. No town officer shall become a party to or interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract made by the board of which he may be a member; and every contract or payment voted for or made contrary to the provision of this section, is void; and any violation of this section hereafter committed shall be a malfeasance in office, which will subject the officer so offending to be removed from office.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1877.

CHAPTER 137.

AN ACT TO COMPEL THE VARIOUS BOARDS OF HEALTH OF TOWNS, VILLAGES AND CITIES IN THIS STATE, TO ADOPT QUARANTINE AND SANITARY MEASURES WITH REGARD TO SCARLATINA.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of any and every member

Town officers must not be interested in contracts.

When act to take effect.