

Payment reserved from monthly estimates until completion.

Such per cent as in the judgment of the board shall seem proper shall be reserved from payments on the monthly estimates on work contracted, until such contract, or the portion thereof to which such payments are by the terms of such contract made applicable, shall have been completed, inspected and accepted.

Materials to be of best quality.

All materials contracted for shall be of the best quality, and, so far as the said board are of the opinion that the same can be done consistently with the best interests of the state, preference shall in all cases be given to Minnesota material and labor, and the directions, plans and specifications of the work shall be executed by skilled and reputable architects, contractors, artists, mechanics and laborers.

State not to be bound earlier than same is applicable.

No contract shall be made which shall bind the state to make payment of any sum earlier than the same shall be by law made applicable thereto."

Board not to change contracts except by consent of sureties.

SEC. 2. The said board shall not in any manner modify or change any of the conditions of any contract or contracts existing between said board and any contractor or contractors, at the time of the passage of this act, *except after having first obtained upon the surety or sureties upon the bond of said contractor or contractors the assent and consent, in writing, of such surety or sureties to each and every such intended modification or change, the said surety or sureties further agreeing to remain and continue to be responsible under said bond, the same as if said modification or change had not been made; or in lieu thereof, the said board shall demand and receive a new bond from said contractor or contractors.*

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1899.

H. F. No. 498.

CHAPTER 255.

Lands, record evidence of title to.

An act to perfect the record evidence of title to certain lands and to make an appropriation therefor.

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

Deeds and instruments of title to railroad lands to be recorded in proper county on application of county board.

SECTION 1. That whenever, under any law heretofore existing, any deeds, mortgages, trust deeds, foreclosure proceedings or any other instruments affecting the title to any lands in this state heretofore owned by any railroad company have been recorded in the office of the

secretary of state, but not in the county in which such lands are situated, it shall be the duty of the secretary of state, upon the application of the county commissioners of any county in which any portion of the lands affected by any such instrument may be situated, or of any person interested, to prepare and furnish to the register of deeds of such county certified copies of the record of each and all such deeds, mortgages, trust deeds, foreclosure proceedings or any other instruments in any manner affecting the title to any land in such county, and the register of deeds shall index and record the same in the same manner as original deeds and mortgages are indexed and recorded. And such certified copies and the record thereof and certified copies of such record shall have the same force and effect as the record of the original instruments.

SEC. 2. For all services performed under this act the secretary of state shall receive no fee; but registers of deeds shall receive the same fees as they are by law allowed for other similar services, to be audited and allowed by the state auditor upon the presentation to him of itemized and verified bills and paid by the state treasurer upon the warrant of the state auditor.

Fees of
Register of
Deeds.

SEC. 3. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, belonging to the general fund, the sum of three thousand (3,000) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry this act into effect.

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SEC. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 18, 1899.

CHAPTER 256.

H. F. No. 356.

An act to create a system of district poorhouses.

District poor-
houses.

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

SECTION 1. There may be established and maintained in two or more counties having a joint population of not less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) inhabitants, as determined by the last preceding official census of Minnesota, a district poorhouse for the reception, proper accommodation and maintenance of all paupers for whose permanent and complete support the counties of such district

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