

CHAPTER 254—H. F. No. 1016.

An Act to provide for the division of the amount of bonded indebtedness of townships and villages in cases where towns and villages are jointly liable for the payment thereof.

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

Division of bonded indebtedness of townships and villages in certain cases.—Section 1. That in any case where any township and village are jointly liable for the payment of any bonded indebtedness, or where all the property of any township or village is liable to taxation for the payment of any such indebtedness any such township or village at the time of the maturity of such bonds may assume and pay such proportion of the entire bonded indebtedness as the amount of the last assessment of real and personal property situate in such town or village bears to the total assessed valuation of both such township and village; *provided*, however, that if either such township or village deems such assessment to be inequitable the town board or village council, as the case may be, or a majority of either, may demand in writing that the Minnesota tax commission appoint a disinterested assessor, not a resident of either such township or village, to make a re-assessment of all the real and personal property situate in both such town and village, and thereupon it shall be the duty of such commission to appoint such assessor, and the valuation and assessment so made by such assessor shall govern in the division of the bonded indebtedness as between such township and such village.

Sec. 2. Any township or village jointly liable for any such indebtedness shall have authority to issue its bonds for the payment of the amount of the total bonded indebtedness for which it may be liable ascertained as provided in the foregoing section.

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

Approved April 19, 1909.

CHAPTER 255—H. F. No. 1149.

An Act to legalize contracts made and entered into between April 1st, 1908, and May 1st, 1908, by school districts with officers and members of such school district for necessary supplies therefor and any payments on account thereof.

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

Purchase of supplies from member of school board validated.

—Section 1. In any case, prior to the date of the passage of this act, in which any independent school district in cities and vil-

lages having a population between one thousand and five thousand in this state has purchased, received and used necessary supplies and merchandise under a contract made and entered into between April 1st, 1903, and May 1st, 1908, invalid for the reason that the vendor therein was an officer or member of the legislative body of such school district and, as such, disqualified to make such contract, said contract and any payments on account thereof is hereby legalized and said school district may allow and pay such vendor the reasonable value of the supplies and merchandise so purchased, received and used not exceeding contract price therefor without interest, *provided*, that this act shall not affect any proceeding or action now pending in any court in this state.

To apply in case of no knowledge of illegality and that supplies when necessary.—Sec. 2. The provisions of this bill shall not apply to any contract unless it shall first be made to appear by the affidavits of the seller and of a majority of the members of the board which purchased the goods, supplies and merchandise, which affidavit shall have first been filed with the clerk of the board or district affected, that the contract was entered into without knowledge of its illegality, and that the goods, supplies and merchandise were such as were necessary to the proper maintenance of the schools and were actually received and used for that purpose, and such contracts shall not bear interest.

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

Approved April 19, 1909.

CHAPTER 256—H. F. No. 791.

An Act to provide compensation for the president of the board of public workhouse directors, or the president or chairman of such other board or body as may have charge of the public workhouse in any city in the state of Minnesota now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants.

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

President of St. Paul workhouse board to receive salary of \$1,200 per annum.—Section 1. That hereafter the president of the board of public workhouse directors, or the president or chairman of such other board or body as may have charge and control of the public workhouse of any city in this state now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants, shall receive for his services, an annual compensation of not to