

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.

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#### 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

exceed twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00), payable in equal monthly installments, the amount so paid to be fixed by the common council of the city.

This act shall apply to cities existing under a charter framed pursuant to section 36 of article 4 of the constitution of the state of Minnesota.

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

Approved April 19, 1909.

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#### CHAPTER 257—H. F. No. 702.

*An Act to legalize certain ditches or drains established or attempted to be established under chapter 191 of the General Laws of 1907, and to declare legal and valid all the assessments and liens levied or created, or attempted to be levied or created, and warrants issued, under and pursuant to said chapter.*

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

**Township ditch proceedings validated.**—Section 1. Where the supervisors of any town or towns of this state, in pursuance of chapter 191 of the General Laws of 1907 of the state of Minnesota, have established and constructed or attempted to establish and construct, any ditch or drain, all the proceedings for the establishment and construction of such ditch or drain are hereby legalized and made valid and any assessments or liens levied or created, or attempted to be levied or created against the lands benefited by the construction thereof for the cost of the establishment and construction of the same, are hereby legalized and declared to be valid and of full force and effect and a lien against said lands until paid, and all warrants issued under and pursuant to said chapter 191, General Laws of 1907, are hereby validated.

**Right of appeal not affected.**—Sec. 2. This act shall not apply to or affect the right of appeal from such proceeding as now provided by law, or any actions or appeals now pending in which the validity of any such proceeding is called in question.

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

Approved April 19, 1909.