

**Sec. 2. Effect immediately.**—Section seven (7) of Chapter three hundred twenty-eight (328) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 7. No such mortgage, no papers relating to its foreclosure nor any assignment or satisfaction thereof shall be recorded or registered after *the passage of this act* unless said tax shall have been paid; nor shall any such document or any record thereof, be received in evidence, in any court, or have any validity as notice or otherwise.

**Sec. 3. Prior mortgages may be taxed under present act.**—That Section eight (8) of Chapter three hundred twenty-eight (328) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 8. All mortgages of real estate recorded or registered prior to *the passage of this act* shall be taxable as provided by law under the provisions of law relating thereto prior to the enactment hereof, provided, that the holder of any such mortgage may pay to the treasurer of the proper county, or the state treasurer, or both, the tax therein prescribed upon the amount of the debt secured by such mortgage at the time of such payment as stated by the affidavit of the owner of such mortgage, to be filed with the county treasurer, and have the treasurer's receipt countersigned by the auditor endorsed thereon. The register of deeds or secretary of state, as the case may be, on presentation of such receipt, shall note on the margin of the mortgage record the date and amount of such payment. Thereafter such mortgage debt shall not be otherwise taxable.

**Sec. 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 2, 1913.

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#### CHAPTER 164—H. F. No. 32.

*An Act to amend Section 688, of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905, relative to the interest of town officers in contracts.*

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

**Section 1. Contracts to be let to lowest bidder, after due advertising.**—That Section 688 of the Revised Laws 1905 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 688. No supervisors, town clerk or town board shall become a party to or be directly or indirectly interested in, any contract made or payment voted by the town board, and all contracts involving an expenditure of one hundred dollars or more, if not to be paid from road or poll tax, shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, after public notice of ten days, posted in the three most public places in said township or pub-

lished for two weeks in a newspaper generally circulated in said township, of the time and place of receiving bids. Provided, in cases of special emergency amounts in excess of one hundred dollars may be expended without such notice being given, and provided further, that in towns having less than twenty-five (25) legal voters, said officers may be employed upon road work by the day at such price as may have been fixed for such work by the town at its annual meeting; and every contract made and payment voted or made contrary to the provisions of this Section shall be void, and any such officer violating the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and in addition to the provisions prescribed by law, shall be removed from office."

Approved April 3, 1913.

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#### CHAPTER 165—H. F. No. 44.

*An Act relating to the amount of taxes to be voted for township purposes in certain cases.*

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

**Section 1. Tax of \$250 for township purposes may be voted in certain townships.**—At any annual town meeting or at any special town meeting properly called for that purpose, in any township in this state now having or which shall hereafter have a taxable valuation of less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) a sum may be voted as a tax for township purposes of not to exceed two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars, but the rate of such tax shall not exceed one half of one per cent upon the taxable valuation in any such township.

Approved April 3, 1913.

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#### CHAPTER 166—H. F. No. 68.

*An Act authorizing the city council or common council of cities of over 50,000 inhabitants to fix the compensation of the city clerk of such cities.*

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

**Section 1. Council to fix salary of city clerk in certain cities.**—The city council or common council of every city of this state now or hereafter having over fifty thousand inhabitants, in addition to the powers and authority heretofore granted, is hereby authorized and empowered to fix by resolution the compensation or salary per annum of the city clerk of such city immediately after the passage of this act and at the beginning of every term of office of such city clerk thereafter.