

been duly authorized for the use of the city or any of its departments, without awaiting the formal vote of said governing body directing payment thereof.

Sec. 2. **Bills by purchasing agent.**—If a purchasing department has been duly established in and for any such city the ordinance aforesaid may provide for the immediate payment by the city treasurer, out of the appropriate fund, or out of a special fund set aside for the purpose, of all bills approved by the city purchasing agent. And all officers of said city who are authorized by law to sign or countersign warrants or orders for the payment of merchandise accounts may accept the approval of the purchasing agent as a sufficient audit of such bills.

Sec. 3. **Re-payment in case of excessive bill.**—Should any bill so paid prove to be erroneous or excessive upon examination made within ninety days after payment, the payee thereof shall repay to the city on demand of the city attorney all such excess, or be subject to an action at law for double the amount thereof.

Sec. 4. **What ordinances may contain.**—Said ordinance or ordinances may contain such further provisions as the governing body shall deem necessary for protecting the city against fraud, irregularity and mistake in the matter of such purchase and may provide that any violation thereof shall be a misdemeanor and punishable as such.

Sec. 5. **Application.**—This act shall not apply to any city whose inhabitants have adopted a charter pursuant to Section 36, Article 4 of the state constitution.

Approved April 24, 1913.

CHAPTER 470—S. F. No. 865.

An Act to provide for the filing of claims against the estate of persons under guardianship and for notice of hearing upon such claims, the filing, allowance and payment of the same, and making Sections 3728 to 3749, Revised Laws 1905, as amended and supplemented by subsequent acts applicable as far as practicable to persons under guardianship.

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

Section 1. **Claims against ward to be filed within certain time.**—Upon granting letters of guardianship of any ward, whether a minor or incompetent, the court shall make an order limiting the time for creditors to present claims against the estate of such ward, and fixing a time and place when and where proofs will be heard and such claims examined and adjusted. The time so limited shall not be more than one year nor less than six months unless it shall appear by affidavit that there are no debts,

in which case the limitation may be three months. Provided, however, in the case of minor wards, the matter of making said order and fixing a time and place for hearing on claims as provided herein shall be left to the sound discretion of the judge of probate, and shall only be made when the judge of probate deems the same necessary.

Sec. 2. Provisions made applicable to payment of claims.—The provisions of Sections 3728 to 3749 inclusive of the Revised Laws 1905, as amended and supplemented by subsequent acts, are hereby made applicable so far as practicable to the matters of the filing, hearing, allowance and payment of claims against the estates of all wards under guardianship; and in the application of said provisions of law as herein provided to the estates of wards under guardianship, the terms "executor" or "administrator" shall be construed to mean "guardian." "Letters testamentary" and "letters of administration" shall be construed to mean "letters of guardianship." The words "decedent" or "deceased" shall be construed to mean the word "ward," and the word "ward" shall be construed to mean all persons, whether minors or incompetents, under guardianship. The "time of death" shall be construed to mean the "time of appointment of the guardian."

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

Approved April 24, 1913.

CHAPTER 471—S. F. No. 883.

An Act to validate certificates issued by the commissioner of the state land office, where said certificates have been issued after public sale at a price lower than the appraised valuation, curative.

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

Section 1. Certain certificates issued by state land office validated.—That all certificates issued by the commissioner of state land office between the 30th day of November A. D., 1890, and the second day of December A. D., 1890, for the sale of school lands in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the state of Minnesota, where said lands have been sold for a less amount than the appraised valuation thereof, and where all moneys have been paid as provided by the terms of said certificate, the holder of said certificate, his heirs or assigns, shall be entitled to receive a patent for the lands therein described, subject to all the conditions in said certificate contained, upon payment to the county treasurer of the county in which said lands are situate, of an amount equal to the difference between the