

for the permanent improvement of any such road, subsequent to February 1, 1919, which work shall have been done in accordance with plans and specifications approved by said commissioner of highways, shall be regarded and dealt with as so expended or issued by said county under the provisions of this act, and reimbursements therefor shall be made and such county bonds dealt with in like manner as is provided by said Chapter 522, Laws 1921; provided within six months after the passage of this act, or after the transaction affected, such county shall furnish said commissioner of Highways, the data with respect thereto contemplated by said Chapter 522; and moneys thus paid to any county shall be equitably apportioned by the County Board thereof according to amounts contributed by reason of assessments of benefits or otherwise, to the cost of such improvement; either by cash reimbursement or by reduction of such assessments.

Sec. 8. Sections held invalid not to affect other sections.—In the event that any provision or paragraph or part of this act shall be questioned in any court and shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of the act shall not be invalidated, but shall remain in full force and effect.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1923.

CHAPTER 347—S. F. No. 486.

An act to amend subdivision 3 of Section 7243 General Statutes 1913 as amended by Chapter 350 Laws 1915 relating to descent of personal estate and distribution.

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

Section 1. Allowance to heirs of deceased persons in certain cases.—That subdivision 3 of Section 7243 General Statutes 1913 as amended by Chapter 350 Laws 1915 be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"3. The widow or children or both, constituting the family of the decedent, shall have such reasonable allowance out of his personal estate as the probate court deems necessary for their maintenance during the settlement of the estate according to their circumstances, which in case of an insolvent estate shall not be longer than one year after administration is granted, nor in any case after the distributive share of the widow in the residue of the personal estate has been assigned to her; *and such reasonable allowance may be made by the court when the husband or father has left a will, as well as when he dies intestate.*

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

Approved April 19, 1923.

CHAPTER 348—S. F. No. 492.

An act giving bidders upon public work of any kind in this state a right of action against any political subdivision of the state for reimbursement for any loss suffered or sustained by reason of the unlawful conversion of any money, certified check, bond or other property deposited by such bidder with the proper officer of such political subdivision as security for the performance of his bid upon any public improvement or work.

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

Section 1. **Bidders to have right of action in certain cases.**—From and after the passage of this act any bidder upon any public work or public improvement of any kind in the state of Minnesota where bids therefor are received and where in connection with such bids a deposit of money, or a certified check, or bond or other security is required to be given for the performance of said bid if accepted, the political subdivision of the state causing said public work or other public improvement to be made or done shall be liable to such bidder for a return to him of the money, certified check or other thing of value so deposited by him in the event of the non-acceptance of his bid on such public work or improvement, or in the event of the acceptance of his bid, during the interval between such acceptance and the entering into of a contract for such work and the giving of security in connection therewith by him and this liability shall exist even though the failure to return such money, certified check or other thing of value be occasioned by the defalcation or unlawful conversion thereof by the officer of such political subdivision clothed with the custody thereof.

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

Approved April 19, 1923.

CHAPTER 349—S. F. No. 520.

An act to amend Section 102, Chapter 400, General Laws 1919, relating to the preservation, protection and propagation of wild animals, including quadrupeds, birds and fish of both this and other states, and commercial fishing in international waters.

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

Section 1. **Open season for fishing.**—That Section 102,