The clerk or any authorized officer of the public board shall issue and keep a record of such excuses, under such rules as the board may from time to time establish.

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

its passage.

Approved March 23, 1923.

CHAPTER 79-S. F. No. 467.

An act to amend Section 255, General Statutes 1913, relating to retirement of district judges.

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

Section 1. Retirement of District Court Judges.—That Section 255, General Statutes 1913, be amended to read as follows:

255. When a judge shall be retired under the provisions of section one (254) of this act, he shall receive the compensation allotted to his office by law for the remainder of his said term, or, if then past eighty-five (85) years of age and having served as such judge continuously more than thirty-four (34) years, for the remainder of his life, to be paid at the time and in the manner provided by law.

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

its passage.

Approved March 23, 1923.

CHAPTER 80-S. F. No. 149.

An act to amend Section 1092, General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, as amended by Chapter 376 of the Laws of 1921, relating to the power of certain counties to contract for goods, materials or supplies.

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

Section 1. Limitation in contracts in counties of more than 200,000 inhabitants.—That Section 1092. General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913 as amended by Chapter 376 of the laws of 1921 be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1092. In counties having a population of more than two hundred twenty-five thousand, no contract for the purchase of goods, materials, or supplies of any kind for the county, the estimated cost of which exceeds five hundred dollars, shall be made by the county board without giving at least seven days' published notice that bids or proposals will be received therefor, stating the time and place. All such contracts shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, shall be approved by resolution of the board, and signed