

tor shall issue his warrant upon said fund upon certificate of said board.

When any certificates of indebtedness heretofore issued pursuant to law shall mature, the state auditor shall draw his warrant upon the state treasurer and the state treasurer shall pay upon said warrant the amount due upon any such certificate of indebtedness, said warrants to be drawn in favor of and to order of the person or persons holding such certificates at the time the same are presented for payment."

Sec. 2. **Laws repealed.**—Sections 2415 and 2501, General Statutes 1923, are hereby repealed.

Approved April 24, 1925.

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#### CHAPTER 364—S. F. No. 1015.

*An act to amend Section 10112, General Statutes 1923, relating to the crime of libel.*

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

Section 1. **Libel defined.**—That Section 10112, General Statutes 1923, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

"10112. **Libel defined**—A gross misdemeanor.—Every malicious publication by writing, printing, picture, effigy, sign, or otherwise than by mere speech, which shall expose any living person, or the memory of one deceased, to hatred, contempt, ridicule, or obloquy, or which shall cause or tend to cause any person to be shunned or avoided, or which shall have a tendency to injure any person, corporation, or association of persons in his or their business or occupation, shall be a libel. Every person who publishes a libel shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 and not more \$1,000 or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months.

*It shall be the duty of the county attorney of any county where any such offense was committed to prosecute the offender or offenders.*

*In any case wherein the county attorney shall fail or refuse to commence a prosecution upon the complaint of the person claiming to have been libeled, the attorney general may commence such prosecution and carry it to final conclusion, or on application the court may appoint an attorney to prosecute.*

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

Approved April 24, 1925.