

state may procure insurance against loss by robbery or burglary or both of public moneys in the treasury of the county or in course of transportation for the purpose of deposit, in such amount as may be approved by the board of county commissioners. The cost of such insurance shall be a charge upon the county and shall be paid in the same manner as other claims against the county are allowed and paid.

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

Approved April 11, 1927.

CHAPTER 138—S. F. No. 405

An act relating to the handling by banks of items received for deposit or collection.

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

Section 1. **Banks liability limited in certain cases.**—Any bank, savings banks or trust company (hereinafter called "bank") doing business in this State, in receiving items for deposit or collection, in the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, shall act only as the depositor's collecting agent and shall have no responsibility beyond the exercise of due care. All such items shall be credited subject to final payment in cash or solvent credits. Such bank shall not be liable for default or negligence of its duly selected correspondents nor for losses in transit, and each correspondent so selected shall not be liable except for its own negligence. Such bank or correspondent may send items, directly or indirectly, to any bank including the payer, and accept its draft, check, or credit as conditional payment in lieu of cash. It may charge back any item at any time before final payment whether returned or not.

Sec. 2. **Law repealed.**—Chapter 319 of Laws of 1919 and all other Acts or parts of Acts in so far as they are inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This Act shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval.

Sec. 4. Provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply to or affect any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts in this state.

Approved April 11, 1927.

CHAPTER 139—S. F. No. 471

An act to amend General Statutes 1933, Section 6297, relating to bonds of county treasurers collecting state moneys.

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

Section 1. Bond of Treasurer.—That General Statutes 1923, Section 6297, be amended to read as follows:

"6297. Before any county treasurer shall receive any moneys under Section 6296, he shall give bond to the state, prepared upon a blank form furnished by the state auditor and approved by the judge of probate and the register of deeds, in an amount to be fixed by such auditor, which bond shall be conditioned for the faithful discharge of all duties imposed by this chapter. Such bond, when approved, shall be filed with the auditor. *The premium thereon shall be paid out of the general revenue fund of the state.*"

Approved April 11, 1927.

CHAPTER 140. S. F. No. 501

An act permitting certain counties to purchase, maintain, and use dredge or ditching machines for ditch repair operations.

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

Section 1. Counties may acquire ditch machines.—In any county of this state having an area of not more than 1200 square miles and open drainage ditches heretofore constructed of not less than 240 miles in length, the board of county commissioners, with the written consent of the commissioner of drainage and waters first procured and filed in the office of the county auditor, may purchase, in the manner provided by law for the purchase of road machinery and equipment, a dredge or ditching machine for use by the county in cleaning out and repairing county and judicial ditches.

Sec. 2. May lease machines to contractors.—The county board, in any county which has purchased such dredge or ditching machine, may employ the same in cleaning out and repairing county road ditches and may use, or allow the use thereof by a contractor, in the cleaning out or repairing of any county or judicial ditch heretofore constructed, on such terms and conditions as to rental and maintenance charges for the use thereof as the board shall determine to be fair and reasonable. The charges for such rental and the expense of maintenance of the machine, when employed by the board on any county or judicial ditch cleaning or repair work, shall constitute a part of the cost of such cleaning and repair operation and shall be paid out of the proper ditch fund provided for the maintenance of the ditch so cleaned and repaired, all