

any bridge in the county until plans for such bridge or for the reconstruction thereof have first been approved by the state commissioner of highways.

Approved April 16, 1947.

CHAPTER 384—S. F. No. 1114

[Not Coded]

An act relating to leasing of lands owned by counties containing over 500,000 inhabitants to county agricultural societies.

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

Section 1. In certain counties county board may lease certain land. In any county of the state containing over 500,000 inhabitants, the county board may lease to any incorporated agricultural society in such county, for such period and on such terms as it shall deem expedient, any lands of the county, to be used for the purposes of such societies and for any other purposes not incompatible with the purposes of said society. During the term of any such lease the supervision and control of the leased lands shall be vested in the society.

Approved April 16, 1947.

CHAPTER 385—S. F. No. 1183

An act relating to fraternal benefit associations, amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 64.01, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 64.01, Subdivision 3, is amended to read as follows :

64.01. Definitions. Subdivision 3. **Lodge system.** Any association having a supreme governing or legislative body and subordinate lodges or branches, by whatever name known, into which members shall be elected, initiated, and admitted in accordance with its constitution, laws, rules, regulations, and prescribed ritualistic ceremonies, which subor-

dinate lodges or branches shall be required by such association to hold regular or stated meetings at least once *every three months*, shall be deemed to be operating under the lodge system; provided, that any beneficiary society or association whose membership is confined to the members of any one religious denomination shall not be required to have ritualistic form of work or ceremonies.

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CHAPTER 386—S. F. No. 1199

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the county board in certain counties to pay claims for work furnished by certain employees.

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

Section 1. **Certain counties may allow and pay not to exceed \$700 out of certain dedicated funds.** In any county in this state now or hereafter having over 150,000 inhabitants and an area of more than 5,000 square miles, the county board may allow and pay verified claims in an amount not to exceed \$700 from money heretofore appropriated and encumbered for extra work performed by regular road and bridge employees during the flood period of 1946.

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CHAPTER 387—S. F. No. 1254

[Not Coded]

An act permitting certain villages to levy a tax for the support and maintenance of cemetery, or the purchase of land for such cemetery.

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

Section 1. **Certain villages authorized to levy a tax in support of cemetery or burial grounds.** Any village having more than 450 and less than 700 inhabitants, and situated in any county having more than 15,000 and less than 20,000 inhabitants according to the 1940 federal census, and having more