

employees who have been appointed through merit examinations administered under authority of Laws 1941, Chapter 476, Section 5, and who have not since been separated from the service shall also be permanent members of the classified service without further examination or working test period, except that any employee who has not completed his working test period as provided under the rules of the merit plan, shall be on probation for that period of time as he would have had to serve to complete his working test period under the merit plan. All other employees shall not be members of such classified service until such time as they shall have been appointed to such position in accordance with the provisions of this act. The civil service director subject to rules and regulations of the county civil service commission shall within two years of the date the board of county commissioners of such county elects to avail itself of the provisions of this act, prepare and offer once to all persons who, on the date the board of county commissioners of such county elects to avail itself of the provisions of this act, are incumbents of positions in the classified service with less than five years of service, a qualifying examination that is designed to test his fitness to perform the work of the class to which his position has been allocated. No person holding an office for employment in the classified service previous to December 31, 1943, who is required by this act to take a qualifying examination shall be laid off, suspended, discharged or reduced in pay or position, except in accordance with the provisions of this act applicable to members of the classified service having permanent status until they have completed such qualifying examination and shall have been notified of the results thereof. If such incumbents pass such qualifying examination, they shall become permanent members of the classified service. If, however, any of the aforementioned incumbents who are required by this act to take a qualifying examination shall fail to pass the same, they shall be removed from their positions at or before the expiration of three months following receipt of notice of failure to pass such examination. All persons who shall wilfully fail or refuse to take the examination when offered without reasonable excuse, shall be removed from their positions immediately.

Approved April 6, 1949.

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CHAPTER 311—H. F. No. 1141  
[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the dates of meetings of the board of county commissioners in certain counties.*

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

Section 1. **Ramsey county; legal holiday, meeting.** In any county in which the mayor of a city of the first class is ex-officio chairman of the board of county commissioners, any meeting of such board falling on a legal holiday shall be held on the next business day.

Approved April 6, 1949.

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CHAPTER 312—H. F. No. 1145

[Not Coded]

*An act appropriating money to Scott County to reimburse it for money spent in the pursuit, apprehension, return and prosecution of prisoners who have escaped from the women's reformatory at Shakopee.*

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

Section 1. **Appropriation for Scott County, apprehension of women prisoners.** There is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$550.41 to Scott County to reimburse it for money necessarily disbursed in the pursuit, apprehension, return and prosecution of women prisoners who were committed by the district courts of the state to the reformatory for women at Shakopee, in Scott County, and who escaped from such reformatory.

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

Approved April 6, 1949.

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CHAPTER 313—H. F. No. 1165

*An act relating to the construction and maintenance of trunk highways of a greater width of capacity than necessary to accommodate normal trunk highway traffic, and the powers*