

clusive charge and control of the streets so taken.

Approved February 11, 1953.

CHAPTER 14—S. F. 68

An act relating to the duties and responsibilities of the public examiner; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 215.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 215.03, is amended to read:

215.03 Audit. At least four times a year, without previous notice to the state treasurer, the public examiner shall examine and audit the accounts, books, and vouchers of the state treasurer, ascertain the amounts of the several funds which should be in the treasury, count the sums actually on hand, and make a record of the facts found. On or before the third day of each regular session the public examiner shall report to the legislature the results of such examinations and his doings in the premises. He shall also witness and attest the transfer of books, accounts, vouchers, and funds from the outgoing treasurer to his successor in office, verify the official record of all redeemed bonds, certificates of indebtedness, and interest coupons issued by the state; and, from time to time, shall cause to be destroyed all such obligations which shall have been redeemed for at least one year. A notation shall be made by the treasurer in his records of all such obligations destroyed and the public examiner shall certify to the correctness thereof. A copy of each such public examiner's certificate shall be filed with the auditor and treasurer.

Approved February 13, 1953.

CHAPTER 15—S. F. 137

An act relating to the establishment of county ditches; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 106.251.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 106.251, is amended to read:

106.251 Damages, payment. When damages are awarded and duly confirmed, the county board of each county

in which is located the property for which damages are awarded, shall, before entering upon such property for the construction of the improvement, order the same paid, less any assessment against such property, *but in the case of a county or a municipality being awarded such damages upon its request the assessment shall not be deducted.* In case of appeal, the damages shall not be paid until the final determination thereof. If there is doubt as to who is entitled to the damages, the board may pay the same to the clerk of the district court of the county to be disbursed by the clerk upon order of the court to the persons thereunto entitled.

Approved February 13, 1953.

CHAPTER 16—H. F. 292

[Coded, in part]

An act relating to cooperative associations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Sections 308.06 and 308.12, providing for limited or perpetual duration for cooperative associations heretofore organized and providing for the renewal of the period of corporate existence of corporations organized under the cooperative laws of this state, and corporations organized under any other laws of this state which have conducted their business upon the cooperative plan, and legalizing and validating certain corporate acts and contracts done, performed and entered into by such corporations.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 308.06, is amended to read:

308.06 Incorporation, duration. A cooperative association may be organized under the provisions of sections 308.05 to 308.18 by five or more incorporators, who may act for themselves as individuals or as the agents of other cooperative associations, whether organized under sections 308.05 to 308.18 or otherwise.

Persons forming a cooperative association under sections 308.05 to 308.18 shall sign and acknowledge written articles of incorporation. The articles of incorporation of any association organized under or subject to the provisions hereof shall always contain provisions specifying (1) the name of the association, its purpose, the general nature of its business, and the principal place of transacting the same. Such name shall distinguish it from all other corporations, domestic or foreign,