

## CHAPTER 509—H. F. No. 1176

[Coded in part]

*An act abolishing the office of county surveyor and providing for the appointment of a county highway engineer in counties having more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants and amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 162.11, Subdivision 7.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 162.11, Subd. 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Duties.** In all cases where any other engineer or surveyor is now charged by law with duties in connection with and supervision of road or highway work for the county, he is hereby relieved at the expiration of his present term, and the county highway engineer at that time is expressly charged with, and he shall then assume, such duties; provided, that in counties having more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants on the appointment of a county highway engineer the county surveyor shall be relieved of his duties in connection with highways, but in such counties the county highway engineer shall be a registered surveyor and shall make surveys required by the county without additional compensation therefor.

Sec. 2. [389.013] **Ramsey county office of county surveyor abolished.** *In counties having more than 300,000 and less than 450,000 inhabitants the office of county surveyor is abolished thirty days after the passage of this act. The records of that office shall be delivered to the county highway engineer.*

Approved April 21, 1953.

## CHAPTER 510—H. F. No. 1184

[Coded]

*An act relating to the organization and administration of the state government, prescribing the salaries of the heads of certain departments, divisions and agencies of the state and of certain deputies and assistants thereof; amending Laws 1951, Chapter 713, Sections 2 and 41.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1951, Chapter 713, Section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. [15.22] **Determination of average cost of living.** Subdivision 1. The director of civil service shall prior to July 1, 1953, make an investigation and determine the average cost of living in the *Minneapolis-St. Paul area* as shown by the *January, 1953*, index published by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor. The director shall make similar investigations during the month of March every year thereafter, based on the *January* index published by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor.

Subd. 2. If, upon any investigation provided for in subdivision 1, the director shall ascertain that the average cost of living index, referred to in subdivision 1, is more than 60, he shall so notify the commissioner of administration, and the salary paid to each department head or other official listed in Section 1 shall be increased by the number of economic adjustment increments as listed in Section 1 computed by the director as provided in subdivision 3, effective the first day of the ensuing fiscal year.

If upon any such investigation he shall ascertain that such cost of living index is 60 or less, he shall so notify the commissioner of administration, and effective the first day of the ensuing fiscal year, the basic salaries provided for in section 1 shall be paid. Thereafter no reduction of salary shall be made by reason of the fact that the average cost of living index is less than 60.

Subd. 3. After each such investigation the director shall compute the number of economic adjustment increments to be added to the basic salary rates listed in Section 1; the number of economic adjustment increments to be computed at the rate of one economic adjustment increment for each rise in such index of 4.2 points or fraction thereof, above 60, ascertained by the director, no more than one such increase to be recommended for rises within the same 4.2 point range. Following investigations subsequent to the initial investigation prior to July 1, 1953, the director shall recommend an increase, a decrease, or no change in the number of economic adjustment increments to be added to the basic salary rates. The recommendations of the director to the commissioner of administration shall be made prior to July 1, 1953, or before May 15 of each year thereafter, immediately following the investigation provided for in subdivision 1, and if the legislature is in session, copies of such recommendations shall at the same time be filed with each branch thereof. If the commissioner upon such recommendation finds that sufficient funds are available to finance the additional adjustment, he shall so certify to the

director prior to July 1, 1953, and on or before June 1 of each year thereafter. Copies of all certifications by the commissioner made pursuant to this subdivision shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state. The new adjustment shall become effective the first day of the ensuing fiscal year and salaries shall be paid accordingly.

Subd. 4. Salaries based on these yearly basic rates and economic adjustment increments shall be payable semi-monthly.

Sec. 2. Laws 1951, Chapter 713, Section 41, is amended to read:

Sec. 41. [15.23] **Cost of living indices.** Whereas the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor, herein termed the bureau, is now publishing a revised index showing the average cost of living, if the revised index is superseded by a different cost of living index published by said bureau, the director shall establish the relative relationship of the revised cost of living index to the new cost of living index and thereafter and then on the basis of such relationship shall determine the increase or decrease in the cost of living during the year under investigation. If the bureau does not publish an index of the cost of living for the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, the director shall use the national average as published by the bureau in lieu of the Minneapolis-St. Paul index for the purpose of establishing the economic adjustment increases or decreases authorized in this act.

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CHAPTER 511—H. F. No. 1204

*An act relating to the apportionment and use of moneys accruing to the state road and bridge fund from the excise tax of gasoline, amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 296.33.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 296.33, is amended to read:

**296.33 Funds; allotment, apportionment.** On or before the first Tuesday in April of each year the commissioner of highways, the state treasurer, and the state auditor shall estimate the probable sum of money that will accrue during the current calendar year to the state road and bridge fund from the excise tax on gasoline. These officials shall then set aside