

CHAPTER 568—H. F. No. 1800

An act relating to competitive bids; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 16.07, Subdivision 3; Section 16.07, Subdivision 4, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 16.07, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Posting notice.** All purchases or sales estimated to exceed in amount \$400 but not to exceed \$1,000, shall be made after receipt of sealed bids following at least three days' notice posted on a public bulletin board in the office of the commissioner. The commissioner shall also solicit sealed bids by mail in such cases, in like manner as hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 16.07, Subdivision 4, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 343, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Competitive bids or open market.** All purchases or sales the amount of which is estimated to be less than \$400 may be made either upon competitive bids or in the open market, in the discretion of the commissioner; but, so far as practicable, shall be based on at least three competitive bids which shall be permanently recorded. All rentals of equipment and animals with operators or drivers furnished the amount of which is estimated to be less than \$400 in any 30-day period shall be made in accordance with rules prescribed by the commissioner.

Approved April 21, 1953.

CHAPTER 569—H. F. No. 1830

[Not Coded]

An act relating to civil service in certain counties; amending Laws 1941, Chapter 423, Section 21.

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

Section 1. Laws 1941, Chapter 423, Section 21, is amended to read:

Sec. 21. **Commission, annual report to county board.** No person holding any office, place, or position of employment in the classified service is under any obligation to contribute to any political fund or to render any political service to any

person or body whatsoever and no person shall be removed, reduced in grade, or salary, or otherwise prejudiced for refusal so to do. No public officer whether elected or appointed shall discharge, promote, demote, or in any manner change the official rank of the employee or the compensation of any person in the classified service or promise or threaten to do so, for the giving or withholding or neglecting to make any contribution of money or services or any other valuable thing for any political purpose.

No person holding office or place in the classified service shall seek and accept election, nomination, or appointment as an officer of a political group or organization to take active part in a political campaign or serve as a member of a committee of any such club or organization or circulate or seek signatures to any petition provided for by any primary or election law or act as a worker at the polls, or distribute badges, colors, or indicia favoring or opposing the candidate for election or nomination to a public office, whether federal, state, county or municipal; provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit or prevent any such officer or employee from becoming or continuing to be a member of a political club or organization or from attendance upon political meetings or from enjoying entire freedom from all interference in casting his vote or from seeking or accepting election or appointment to public office, provided that any officer or employee in the classified service becoming a candidate for nomination or election to any public office shall by the act of filing his candidacy be removed from the classified service.

Except as herein provided, any officer or employee in the county classified service may be a candidate for and hold a township or school district office if the office is one for which compensation is not paid.

Approved April 21, 1953.

CHAPTER 570—H. F. No. 1842

An act relating to firemen's relief associations in cities of the first class; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 69.28.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 69.28, is amended to read:

69.28. **Eligibility.** Every fireman shall apply for membership in the relief association in the city in which he is