

Sec. 22. [245.42] **Methods of administration by state agency.** The state agency shall prescribe such methods of administration as are necessary for compliance with requirements of the social security act, as amended, and for the proper and efficient operation of the program of assistance under this act. These methods of administration include methods relating to the establishment and maintenance of personnel standards on a merit basis as concerns all employees of county agencies except those employed in an institution, sanatorium, or hospital. The state agency shall exercise no authority with respect to the selection, tenure of office, and compensation of any individual employed in accordance with such methods. The state agency shall establish and maintain a system of personnel standards on a merit basis for all such employees of the county agencies and the examination thereof, and the administration thereof shall be directed and controlled exclusively by the state agency, except in those counties in which such employees are covered by a merit system that meets the requirements of the state agency and the administrator.

Sec. 23. [245.43] **Grants of assistance, approval by administrator.** Grants of assistance may be made only after a plan for such assistance, prepared by the state agency, has been approved by the administrator and in no case prior to July 1, 1953.

Sec. 24. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$24,000 for the year ending June 30, 1954, and \$36,000 for the year ending June 30, 1955, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this act.

Approved April 22, 1953.

CHAPTER 618—S. F. No. 1670

An act relating to school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 125.18; repealing Special Laws 1887, Chapter 1, Sub-chapter 9, Section 14, and Laws 1953, Chapter 72.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 125.18, is amended to read:

125.18 **Contracts.** Subdivision 1. **Advertisement for bids.** No contract for work or labor, or for the purchase of furniture, fixtures, or other property, or for the construction

or repair of school houses, the estimated cost or value of which shall exceed \$1,000, shall be made by the school board of any common or independent school district, or *any special school district to which special statutory provisions relating to the letting of contracts are not applicable*, without first advertising for bids or proposals in some newspaper of the county by two weeks' published notice in the city or village located nearest to the school district in which the contracts are proposed to be let, or some newspaper published in the county-seat in such county; provided, that advertisements for bids for school house construction may be published in a trade journal, periodical, or magazine. Such notice shall state the time and place of receiving bids and contain a brief description of the subject matter.

Subd. 2. **Award of contract.** Every such contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, duly executed in writing, and the person to whom the same is awarded shall give a sufficient bond to the board for its faithful performance, and otherwise conditioned as required by sections 574.26, 574.28, 574.29, and 574.30. If no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise.

Subd. 3. **Limitations.** Every contract made without compliance with the provisions of this section shall be void; provided, that in case of the destruction of buildings or injury thereto, where the public interests would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for bids.

Sec. 2. Special Laws 1887, Chapter 1, Sub-Chapter 9, Section 14, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. Chapter 72, Session Laws 1953, is hereby repealed.

Approved April 22, 1953.

CHAPTER 619—S. F. No. 1675

[Coded]

An act providing for the equipping of certain motor vehicles, operated on highways, with flaps on the rear wheel fenders, amending Laws of 1951, Chapter 640.

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

Section 1. Laws of 1951, Chapter 640, is amended to read:

Section 1. [169.733] **Wheel flaps on trucks and semi-trailers.** *Every truck, trailer and semi-trailer, excepting pole*