

limitations applicable to the employees of the revisor of statutes as contained in subdivisions 1, 2, and 3.

Approved April 24, 1959.

CHAPTER 580—H. F. No. 725

[Not Coded]

An act relating to library services in the Town of Balkan in St. Louis County; authorizing the board of supervisors to levy and collect taxes and administer funds so collected.

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

Section 1. **Library tax levy.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, the board of supervisors of the town of Balkan in St. Louis county may levy and collect a tax not to exceed one-quarter of one mill per year on the assessed valuation of the town for the purpose of providing a special library fund for the town. The special library fund shall be administered by the board of supervisors to provide more adequate public library services to the town of Balkan. The board of supervisors may contract with the governing body of any free public library located in any municipality adjacent to the town of Balkan for these services. The tax authorized by this section is in addition to any tax authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Section 375.33.

Sec. 2. This act takes effect when approved by a majority of the board of supervisors of the town of Balkan.

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CHAPTER 581—H. F. No. 1856

An act relating to commissioners of port authorities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 471.88 as amended by Laws 1959, Chapter 99.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 471.88, as amended by Laws 1959, Chapter 99, is amended to read:

471.88 Exceptions. The governing body of any *port authority*, town, school district, village, or city, by unanimous

vote, may contract for goods or services with an interested officer of the governmental unit in any of the following cases:

(a) The designation of a bank in which the officer is interested as an authorized depository for public funds when it is the only bank in the governmental unit, or when such governmental unit does not have a bank and such bank is the only bank within the nearest governmental unit; *or in the case of a port authority only, no restriction shall apply to the deposit of any funds or the designation of a depository by such authority in any bank in which a member of an authority shall have an interest if such funds are deposited and protected in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 118. Provided however that any commissioner having such an interest shall disclose the same, which disclosure shall be entered upon the minutes of the authority;*

(b) The designation of an official newspaper, or publication of official matters therein, in which the officer is interested when it is the only newspaper complying with statutory or charter requirements relating to the designation or publication;

(c) A contract with a cooperative association of which the officer is a shareholder or stockholder but not an officer or manager;

(d) Subject to section 365.37, a contract for which competitive bids are not required and involving not more than \$500, when the commodity or service contracted for cannot be otherwise obtained either in the governmental unit or in a contiguous like governmental unit;

(e) A contract with a volunteer fire department for the payment of compensation to its members or for the payment of retirement benefits to these members;

(f) A contract with a municipal band for the payment of compensation to its members;

(g) *Contracts for goods or services when the consideration does not exceed \$500 in any year and the contracting governmental unit has a population of less than 2,500;*

(h) *When a port authority commissioner is engaged in or employed by a firm engaged in the business of importing or exporting or general trade, it shall be lawful for the authority to do business with the commissioner or his employer provided that in the fixing of any rates affecting shippers or*

users of the terminal facility, said commissioner shall not vote thereon.

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CHAPTER 582—H. F. No. 1411

An act relating to the discharge of mentally ill, senile or inebriate persons committed to private licensed institutions for the care of mentally ill, senile, or inebriate persons, amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 525.753, by adding a new subdivision thereto.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 525.753, is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto to read as follows:

525.753 *Subd. 6. Discharge from private licensed institution. The superintendent or keeper of any private licensed institution for the care of mentally ill, senile or inebriate persons, to which any patient who is mentally ill, senile, or inebriate is committed, may upon the recommendation in writing of the licensed doctor of medicine attending or treating such patient, discharge such patient.*

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CHAPTER 583—H. F. No. 1371

An act relating to use of an established drainage system as an outlet; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 106.531.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 106.531, is amended to read:

106.531 **Drainage system, use or outlet.** After the construction of any county or judicial ditch, no public or private ditch or ditch system, either open or tiled, for the drainage of land not assessed for benefits for such ditch, shall be constructed so as to use the ditch as an outlet without having first secured express authority so to do from the county