

shall be valued and assessed at 20 percent of the full and true value thereof.

Approved April 24, 1959.

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CHAPTER 542—H. F. No. 1239

[Not Coded]

*An act pertaining to the City of Saint Paul and the County of Ramsey; providing for a system of central purchasing to be done by the City of Saint Paul and the County of Ramsey in joint participation; providing that the purchasing for the County of Ramsey be done through the office of the purchasing agent of the City of Saint Paul; and providing for standardization of materials purchased and a procedure for the testing of materials delivered to the City of Saint Paul and County of Ramsey in such joint purchasing participation.*

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

**Section 1. Joint purchasing program.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any charter provision, city ordinance, or prior law to the contrary pertaining to purchasing by the city of Saint Paul or the county of Ramsey, and in order to promote competitive bidding, effect economies in volume buying, and provide better service, the city of Saint Paul and the county of Ramsey shall establish a joint purchasing program.

**Sec. 2.** The board of county commissioners of the county of Ramsey and the board of public welfare of the county of Ramsey shall hereafter do and perform all acts necessary and instrumental to the purchase or contract for all supplies, materials, equipment and contractual services required by any department or agency of the county government through facilities of the purchasing department of the city of Saint Paul and for this service shall pay to the city of Saint Paul the cost incurred in providing such services. Such costs shall be determined through an analysis and evaluation of all purchases processed through December 31, 1959, and thereafter through each succeeding calendar year. The manner and methods of computing this cost will be the joint responsibility of the county auditor and the city comptroller. They shall certify the amount of the exact cost to the board of county commissioners and the city council of Saint Paul.

Sec. 3. All of the charter provisions of the city of Saint Paul pertaining to the procedures, rules, and regulations in the field of purchasing goods, wares, and merchandise are hereby in their entirety reserved in full.

Sec. 4. A permanent committee on standardization of purchases for the city of Saint Paul and the county of Ramsey is established, such committee to be composed, on an equal basis, of representatives of the city of Saint Paul, the county of Ramsey, the board of public welfare of the county of Ramsey, and any other governmental units permitted to purchase through the purchasing department of the city of Saint Paul. The members of such committee on standardization shall be chosen by the city council for the city, by the board of county commissioners for the county, and by the board of public welfare for that board. It shall be the duty of the committee to agree on single specifications for all items commonly used in each of the governmental units in order that their purchasing power may be combined.

Sec. 5. As soon as practical after the establishment of the central purchasing program the city of Saint Paul, the county of Ramsey, and the board of public welfare of the county of Ramsey shall establish a central office supply stock room. The permanent committee on standardization of purchases shall provide for inventory control procedures and the method and manner of distribution of supplies and materials from such central stock room. Each of the governmental units participating in the central purchasing program shall contribute such amount as may be jointly agreed upon into a revolving fund which is hereby established for the operation of such central stock room, and shall pay from time to time into such revolving fund such moneys as may be required to cover overhead, in addition to the cost of materials and supplies obtained therefrom. The revolving fund shall be administered and accounted for by the city of Saint Paul and its purchasing department.

Sec. 6. The city of Saint Paul and the county of Ramsey shall provide adequate warehouse and storage space for all items which are practical to store and the purchase of which, in quantities greater than current needs, will secure a distinct financial advantage to these governmental subdivisions.

Sec. 7. This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the county board of the county of Ramsey and a majority of the city council of the city of Saint Paul. In the event that either body does not approve this act

within 60 days after its enactment the county board and city council shall jointly submit the question of approval of the act to the voters of such county and city at the next general election in the county and city, and this act shall then become effective only if approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question.

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CHAPTER 543—H. F. No. 1486

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to municipal ambulances in the Village of North Branch.*

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

Section 1. **Ambulances, acquire and maintain.** The governing body of the village of North Branch may acquire and maintain ambulances and provide for their operation within the county in which the municipality is located.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the governing body of the village of North Branch.

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CHAPTER 544—H. F. No. 1205

[Not Coded]

*An act authorizing the City of Red Wing to lease the T. B. Sheldon Memorial Auditorium.*

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

Section 1. **Lease of Memorial Auditorium.** The city of Red Wing is authorized to let or lease its T. B. Sheldon Memorial Auditorium in Red Wing, Minnesota, for musical and theatrical entertainments including the business of showing moving picture shows, provided any such lease reserves in the city the right to use said T. B. Sheldon Memorial Auditorium for other purposes when desired by the city.

Sec. 2. Any such lease may be executed on behalf of