

of seed potatoes. *The commissioner may enter into contracts and ground leases for planting and growing potatoes outside of the state for experimental and research purposes.* He shall provide such forms as are necessary and keep a record of the work performed, and shall appoint, designate, or employ such officers, inspectors, and employees as may be deemed necessary and fix their compensation.

He shall appoint an advisory seed potato certification committee to consist of six members, each of whom shall be a grower in Minnesota of certified seed potatoes, and shall serve without compensation, except he shall receive his traveling expenses and other expenses necessary in attending committee meetings. The term of each committee member shall be three years from July 1st following his appointment, except that of the first committee to be appointed, two members shall serve one year, two members shall serve two years and two members shall serve three years. Vacancies shall be filled by the commissioner for the balance of the vacant term. Said committee shall hold at least one meeting each year and other meetings when deemed necessary by the commissioner.

Approved March 10, 1947.

CHAPTER 69—S. F. No. 201

An act relating to surety bonds required to be furnished by county officers and employees in counties now or hereafter having a population of more than 250,000; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 382.153.

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 382.153, is amended to read.

382.153. Premium on surety bond paid by county. In counties now or hereafter having a population of more than 250,000, when a corporate surety bond has been furnished by any county officer or employee pursuant to statute or resolution of the county board, the premium therefor shall be paid by the county, provided that the county board may designate the surety.

The county board shall cause to be published in its official publication, a notice for bids for the furnishing of all such

bonds and shall award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

In lieu of the individual bonds required to be furnished by employees, a schedule or position bond or undertaking may be given by the employees of each county office or department in the respective amounts fixed by law, or by the person or board authorized by law to fix the same, conditioned substantially as provided in Section 574.13, and upon a form to be prescribed by the Commissioner of Administration.

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CHAPTER 70—S. F. No. 202

An act relating to duties of county superintendents; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 121.01.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 121.01, is amended to read as follows:

121.01. Duties of county superintendent. In addition to their other duties, county superintendents shall visit and instruct each school in their counties, except those under the immediate charge of a city or district superintendent, at least once in each term. They shall instruct its teachers; organize and conduct such teachers institutes as they deem expedient; encourage teachers associations; advise teachers and school boards in regard to the best methods of instruction, the most approved plans for building, improving, and ventilating school houses or ornamenting school grounds and of adapting them to the convenience and health exercise of the pupils; stimulate school officers to the prompt and proper discharge of their duties; receive and file all reports required to be made to them; and make a report to the state commissioner of education containing an abstract of such reports, a written statement of the condition and prospects of the schools under their charge, and such other matters as they may deem proper or as may be called for by the state commissioner of education. *County superintendents shall upon request of the county board of their respective counties promptly investigate, advise, and make recommendations to the county board in proceedings to change boundaries of*