

smoke, for the term therein specified, and every application for insurance made to any authorized officer or agent, until refused by the proper officer, shall be of the same force and effect as a regularly issued policy and contract of insurance and, from the time of its receipt by an officer or agent, the property specified in the application shall be deemed insured in the same manner and to the same extent as if covered by a regular policy issued according to law and the regulations of the company. There shall be no liability on the application against any company that has not at any annual or special meeting by proper resolution adopted the plan of making these applications of equal force and effect with regularly issued policies.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 67.30, is amended to read:

67.30 Authorized insurance. A township mutual fire insurance company shall insure only against loss or damage by fire, lightning, *explosion, riot, riot attending a strike, civil commotion, aircraft, vehicles and smoke to the property authorized to be insured in Sections 67.09 and 67.27 of Minnesota General Statutes 1949*, and it shall not issue any policy for a term of more than five years.

Approved March 22, 1951.

CHAPTER 102—H. F. No. 143

An act relating to the terms of county commissioners and the bonds to be furnished by commissioners in certain counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 375.03.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 375.03, is amended to read as follows:

375.03 Term of commissioners. In each new county, and in each county which shall be entitled to an increase of the number of commissioners, there shall be elected at the next general election a commissioner from each odd-numbered

district for a term of two years, and one from each even-numbered district for a term of four years; and thereafter all commissioners shall be elected for a term of four years, except that elections or appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired term only. In counties having a population of more than 150,000, every such commissioner, before he enters upon his duties, shall give bond to the state in the sum of \$10,000, with a legally authorized surety company as surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of his official duties. Such bond shall be approved by a judge of the district court, and together with his oath of office and certificate of election, be filed with the *secretary of state*. The premium on the bond shall not exceed that prescribed by law for county treasurers, and shall be paid by the county.

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CHAPTER 103—H. F. No. 164

[Coded as Section 616.253]

An act relating to fires caused by smoking and providing penalty therefor.

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

[616.253] Section 1. **Setting fire to hotel belongings.** Subdivision 1. **Penalty.** Any person in any hotel, rooming house, lodging house or other place of public abode who, by smoking or attempting to light or to smoke cigarettes, cigars, pipes or tobacco, in any manner in which lighters or matches are employed, shall in a careless or negligent manner set fire to any bedding, furniture, curtains, drapes, house or any household fittings, or any part of any building of the class hereinbefore set forth, so as to endanger life or property in any way, or to any extent, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not to exceed 90 days.

Sec. 2. Subd. 2. **Notice required.** In each sleeping room of all hotels, rooming houses, lodging houses and other