

less than 25,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census, and over 25 and less than 40 full and fractional congressional townships, the county board may annually levy a tax of not more than 31 mills on all real and personal property located in any unorganized township for the purpose of constructing and repairing roads and bridges located in that township.

This authority to tax personal property does not include money and credit which are taxed under chapter 285.

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CHAPTER 218—H. F. No. 286

An act relating to compensation of employees, and expenses in suppression or control of forest fires; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 88.12, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 88.12, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

88.12 **Forest fire fighters, wages and expenses.** Subdivision 1. **Limitation.** *The compensation and expenses of persons temporarily employed in emergencies in suppression or control of forest fires shall be fixed by the commissioner of conservation or his authorized agent and paid as provided by law. Such compensation shall not exceed the maximum rate for comparable labor established as provided by law or regulations, but shall not be subject to any minimum rate so established. The commissioner is authorized to draw from the state treasury out of any money at any time appropriated for the purposes of sections 88.02 to 88.21 a reasonable sum, not to exceed \$5,000 at any one time, and to place the same in the hands of the director of the division of forestry or other authorized agent to be used by him in paying emergency expenses, including just compensation for services rendered by persons summoned and for private property used, damaged, or appropriated under sections 88.02 to 88.21. The state auditor is authorized to draw his warrant for this sum when duly approved by the commissioner. The commissioner, director, or agent in charge shall take proper sub-vouchers or receipts from all persons to whom these moneys are paid, and after these sub-vouchers have been approved by him they shall be filed with the state auditor. Every sum placed in the hands of the commissioner, director, or agent as herein provided at any*

time shall be deposited, subject to withdrawal or disbursement by check or otherwise for the purposes herein prescribed, in a bank authorized and bonded to receive state deposits; and the bond of this bank to the state shall cover and include this deposit.

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CHAPTER 219—H. F. No. 361

[Coded]

An act relating to butter grading and labeling of butter.

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

Section 1. [32.475] **Butter, grading and labeling.**
Subdivision 1. As used in this section, score or grade means the grading of butter by its examination for flavor and aroma, body and texture, color, and salt, and by the use of other tests or procedures approved by the commissioner of agriculture, for ascertaining the quality of butter in whole or in part.

Subd. 2. It is unlawful to sell, offer or expose for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell any butter at retail unless it has been graded and labeled with such grades as follows:

- (a) Grade, Minnesota, AA — 93 score
- (b) Grade, Minnesota, A — 92 score
- (c) Grade, Minnesota, B — 90 score
- (d) Grade, Minnesota, undergrade — all butter below Minnesota B.

Subd. 3. United States AA, A and B grades, or as such grades may be amended or as they may be administered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, shall be accepted in lieu of the corresponding Minnesota AA, A and B grades, but all United States grades below B shall, for the purpose of this section, correspond to Minnesota undergrade.

Subd. 4. Methods and procedures to be used for ascertaining quality, grades, grading, labeling, and for arbitrating disputes with respect to grades may be promulgated by the commissioner of agriculture.

Subd. 5. Butter from outside of the State of Minnesota sold within this state shall comply with the state grade and labeling standards provided in this section; and, unless