

and empowered to levy an annual tax, in addition to any tax authorized by law or charter of such city, of not to exceed 5 mills upon all taxable property within such city, the proceeds of which shall be used solely for the financing of poor relief costs. Such tax shall not at any time be in excess of the maximum rate of taxation fixed for the purpose hereinabove mentioned by any board or department of any such city upon whom the duty of fixing the maximum rate of taxation for the various boards and departments of the city is placed by the charter of such city. In no event shall the maximum tax levy authorized under the provisions of this act exceed the rate required to return annually the sum of \$1,850,000 of tax receipts for the purposes set forth herein. Provided that if the levy authorized by this act be imposed, no bonds shall be issued for poor relief purposes unless and until the aggregate cost of such poor relief exceeds the sum of \$1,850,000.

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CHAPTER 798—S. F. No. 1601

An act relating to license to operate motor vehicles upon the public highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 171.06, Subdivisions 2 and 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 171.06, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Fees. The fee for an instruction permit shall be 35 cents. The fee for a drivers license shall be \$2. The fee for a duplicate license shall be 35 cents.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 171.06, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Application, filing. Any applicant for an instruction permit, a driver's license, restricted license, or duplicate license may file his application with a clerk of the district court. Such clerk shall and he is hereby authorized to receive and accept such application. To cover all expense involved in receiving, accepting, or forwarding to the department applications and fees, the clerk of the district court shall retain ten cents of the fee collected with each application for an instruction permit or a duplicate license and 25 cents of the fee collected with each application for a driver's license or a restricted license; provided, that in all counties of this state

where the clerk of the district court receives a stated salary and no fees, the amount allowed to be retained by the clerk of the district court shall be paid into the county treasury and credited to the general revenue fund of the county. The clerk of court shall forward all applications and fees, less the amount herein allowed to be retained for expense, to the department within 15 days of the receipt by him. The clerks of the district courts may appoint agents to assist in accepting applications, but the clerks shall require every such agent to forward to the clerk by whom he is appointed all applications accepted and fees collected by him. The clerks of court shall be responsible for the acts of agents appointed by them and for the forwarding to the department of all applications accepted and all fees collected by such agents and by themselves.

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CHAPTER 799—S. F. No. 1575

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An act to provide for watershed districts, setting forth their powers and duties, prescribing the duties of certain officers and boards; and repealing certain statutes.

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

Section 1. [112.34] Declaration of policy. Subdivision 1. In order to carry out conservation of the natural resources of the state through land utilization, flood control and other needs upon sound scientific principles for the protection of the public health and welfare and the provident use of the natural resources, the creation of a public corporation, as an agency of the state for the aforesaid purposes, has been provided. This act shall be construed and administered so as to make effective these purposes.

Subd. 2. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Minnesota Watershed Act".

Sec. 2. [112.35] Definitions. For the purposes of this act the terms defined in this section have the meanings ascribed to them.

(1) "Person" includes firm, copartnership, association, or corporation but does not include public or political subdivision.

(2) "Public corporation" means a county, town, school