

Sec. 2. This act takes effect when approved by the board of county commissioners of the county of Carlton, and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved April 28, 1969.

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CHAPTER 202—S. F. No. 145

*An act relating to counties; rate of interest on county ditch warrants; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 106.451, Subdivision 4.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 106.451, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Drainage; ditch warrants; interest rate.** In all cases where a warrant shall be issued by the auditor of any county under the provisions of this chapter, and there shall be ~~no~~ *insufficient* cash in the fund therein mentioned to pay the warrant when the same is presented, the county treasurer shall endorse the warrant "Not paid for want of funds," and date and sign the endorsement. In that event interest on the warrant shall be ~~paid~~ thereafter *paid annually from available funds* at the rate of ~~four~~ *six* percent per annum until the warrant is called in and paid by the treasurer. No interest shall be paid on any warrant after funds are available in the hands of the treasurer for the payment thereof. Such warrant shall be deemed a general obligation of the county issuing the same.

Approved April 28, 1969.

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CHAPTER 203—S. F. No. 524

[Coded]

*An act authorizing the county sheriff to dispose of certain unclaimed property.*

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

Section 1. [345.15] **Counties; unclaimed property; disposition; duty of sheriff.** Subdivision 1. The sheriff of any county

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may seize and retain in his possession any personal property abandoned upon any public way, sidewalk, or other public premises or any property or exhibits entered in evidence in any judicial proceeding as are released by order of the court. The sheriff shall, after holding the property for a period of at least three months, sell the same at public auction giving reasonable public notice of the time and place of such sale in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. The notice shall give a brief description of the articles to be sold and the time and place of sale. The sale shall be made by the sheriff or under his direction. The owner of any such property upon application and satisfactory proof of ownership may recover his property or, within one month of the sale, the net proceeds of the sale of such property. The sheriff shall transfer the net proceeds from the sale of property to the county treasurer to be credited to the general revenue fund and to be deposited as provided by law. The net proceeds shall be the sale price less any costs of handling, storage, or sale.

Subd. 2. When the property seized and retained is a motor vehicle, the sheriff shall, prior to the disposal of such motor vehicle, mail to the registered owner, if any, as shown by the records of the state registrar of motor vehicles, notice of its possession and intent to dispose of such motor vehicle. For the purpose of this subdivision the definition of motor vehicle shall be the same as that set forth in section 169.01. The sheriff shall provide for the sale of such motor vehicle to the highest bidder at public auction or sale, following reasonable published notice thereof. No such sale shall be conducted until such motor vehicle has been in possession of the sheriff for a period of not less than thirty days after the mailing of notice to the registered owner, if any, as provided by this subdivision. The net proceeds, as defined in subdivision 1, of any such sale shall be transferred to the county treasurer to be credited to the general revenue fund and to be deposited as provided by law. Any such net proceeds shall be paid over to the former owner of the motor vehicle upon application and satisfactory proof of ownership within six months of the sale.

Approved April 28, 1969.

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#### CHAPTER 204—S. F. No. 758

*An act relating to mentally retarded or deficient persons; providing for costs of their care in state institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 252.041, Subdivision 5; 252.043; and 252.044; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 252.047.*

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