

Sec. 2. Bond. Before entering upon the duties of his office, the tax clerk shall execute a surety bond to the state in the amount of \$1,000 approved by the county board and conditioned on the faithful discharge of his duties. The bond and oath of the appointee shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds and filed in the office of the secretary of state after approval as to form by the attorney general. The premiums of the bond and the expenses of recording and filing shall be paid by the county. An action may be maintained on the bond by any person aggrieved by a violation of the conditions thereof.

Sec. 3. Salary. The tax clerk shall receive from the county as compensation for his services an annual salary not to exceed \$5,000 payable from the general funds not otherwise appropriated. The county shall furnish him with a suitable office in the court house or other suitable place designated by the judge.

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CHAPTER 156—S. F. No. 1369

An act relating to fire protection in towns, authorizing provision for apparatus therefor and maintenance and operation of such apparatus, authorizing a levy of taxes for such purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 365.19, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 365.19, as amended by Laws 1953, Chapter 57, Section 4, is amended to read:

365.19 Tax levy, limit. Nothing in sections 365.15 to 365.18 shall be construed so as to modify, abridge, or repeal Laws 1925, Chapter 407. Any levy hereunder shall be separate and distinct from, and in addition to, the levy and the amount of tax authorized in any one year pursuant to section 88.04; provided, that the levy of the tax authorized under sections 365.15 to 365.18 shall not exceed a total of \$6,000 in any one year, *but this limit shall not apply to any town in any county having a population of 300,000 or more.*

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