

opportunity for a fair hearing shall be afforded any operator within 30 days after revocation of license.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 248.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

[Subd. 11.] **Hearings, notice.** *Any major changes in policies made by the commissioner in the conduct of this program will be preceded by a public hearing. Each operator shall be given 30 days' notice of such hearing.*

Sec. 7. **Repealer.** Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 16.231, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This act shall become effective July 1, 1955.

Approved March 31, 1955.

CHAPTER 304—S. F. No. 471

An act relating to public indebtedness and borrowing; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 475.53, Subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 475.53, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **School districts.** Except as otherwise provided in sections 475.51 to 475.75, no school district other than those covered by subdivision 5, shall be subject to a net debt in excess of 50 percent of the last assessed value of all taxable property therein.

Whenever the erection or construction of a building or structure is completed after the last preceding assessment, the value thereof, as determined pursuant to this subdivision, may be added to the assessed value of the school district in determining the last assessed value of such district for the purposes of this subdivision; provided that such building or structure is located in an assessment district employing a full-time assessor.

Any school board desiring to have such value determined may by resolution request that this be done by the assessor of the appropriate assessment district. Upon receipt of a certified copy of such resolution such assessor shall forthwith value and classify any building or structure on taxable real estate

which has been completed after the last preceding assessment and prior to the date of such resolution, in the same manner as he would so value and classify the same for tax purposes as of the next succeeding May 1st. He shall thereupon estimate the increase in assessed value which will result from the completion of such building or structure, as of the next succeeding May 1st and shall certify this estimate to the county auditor. The amount so certified shall be added to the assessed value of the school district to determine the last assessed value of such district for the purposes of this subdivision, but the provisions of this subdivision shall not render property taxable until it would otherwise become taxable.

Sec. 2. This action to take effect July 1955.

Approved March 31, 1955.

CHAPTER 305—S. F. No. 714

An act relating to the letting of contracts in certain cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 442.21.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 442.21, is amended to read:

442.21 Contracts; lowest bidder, advertisement. Every contract for material or for the construction of any part of any of the works under the control of the board, which shall involve the expenditure of a sum of \$500, or more, shall be in writing and shall remain on file with the secretary of the board. All work shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder therefor, except incidental repairs or minor improvements, after notice soliciting proposals for the doing of such work shall have been published in the official newspaper of the city, in at least two separate issues of the same; provided, the board shall have the right to reject any and all bids, and such rights shall be reserved in each advertisement soliciting bids; and, provided, further, that in the event of any extraordinary or sudden injury to any of the works, or any part of such system, whereby damage or loss might ensue by reason of any delay, or in the event of the lowest bid submitted being no less than ten per cent greater than the engineer's estimate therefor, the board may cause the damage to be repaired or the proposed improvement to be made without contract and in such manner as the board may deem for the best interest of the city; and, provided,