

## CHAPTER 183

(S. B. No. 1—Rusch.)

## TERM OF EXISTENCE OF TRUST COMPANIES.

An Act to Amend Section 5205 of the Compiled Laws relating to the term of existence of certain corporations.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) That Section 5205 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 5205. FORMATION.) Any number of persons, not less than nine, not less than three of whom must be residents of this state, may associate themselves, and become incorporated for the purpose of transacting business as an annuity, safe deposit, surety and trust company, upon complying with the provisions of this chapter, and any company so formed or heretofore formed, and now doing business, and its successors, shall be entitled to the rights and privileges, and subject to the duties and obligations herein provided, and its existence shall be perpetual. The provisions of Chapter 12 of the civil code shall be applied to and be observed by persons organizing under this chapter, except as herein otherwise provided, and except as to provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter.

Sec. 2. Whereas there is an apparent conflict between the language of Section 4533 and Section 5205 of the Compiled Laws, and therefore a doubt as to the rights and liabilities of such corporations, therefore this act is hereby declared an emergency measure, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved February 9th, 1923.

## COUNTIES

## CHAPTER 184.

(S. B. No. 211—Kelsh.)

## BONDS, MODE OF ISSUE.

An Act to Amend and Re-enact Section 3451, Compiled Laws of North Dakota, relating to county bonds, rate of interest and mode of issue.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) That Section 3451, Compiled Laws

of North Dakota for 1913, relating to county bonds, rate of interest and mode of issue, is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3451. BONDS. RATE OF INTEREST, MODE OF ISSUE.) Said bonds shall be in denominations of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, shall bear the date of their issue, and shall be made payable to order or bearer in not less than five nor more than twenty years from their date, and bear interest not to exceed six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, with coupons attached for each interest installment; said bonds and coupons shall be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners and shall be attested by the county auditor. The seal of the county shall be affixed to each bond but not to the coupons. Such bonds shall be printed, lithographed or engraved on bond paper, and each bond shall state on its face that it is issued in accordance with the provisions of this article. Such bonds may be made payable anywhere in the United States. Provided that funding or refunding bonds for the purpose of funding or refunding seed grain or seed and feed grain indebtedness may be issued in installment bonds as by law provided.

Approved March 1, 1923.

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## CHAPTER 185.

(H. B. No. 61—Muus.)

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### REPEAL OF SEED AND FEED ACT.

An Act to repeal Sections 3471, 3472, 3473, 3474, 3475, 3477, 3478, 3479, 3480, 3483, and 3486, Compiled Laws, 1913, as amended by Chapter 13 of the Special Session Laws, 1918, and as amended by Chapter 177, Session Laws for 1919, and as amended by Chapter 54 of the Special Session Laws, 1919, relating to the Issuance of Bonds and Warrants to Procure Seed Grain and Feed for Needy Inhabitants.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. Sections 3471, 3472, 3473, 3474, 3475, 3477, 3478, 3479, 3480, 3483, and 3486, Compiled Laws, 1913, as amended by Chapter 13 of the Special Session Laws, 1918, and as amended by Chapter 177, Session Laws, 1919, and as amended by Chapter 54 of the Special Session Laws, 1919, relating to the issuance of Bonds and Warrants to procure seed grain and feed for needy inhabitants, are hereby in all things repealed. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall in any way or manner make invalid or void any bonds issued, or proceedings had heretofore under and by virtue of the Sections and Laws so repealed.

Approved February 26th, 1923.

## CHAPTER 186.

(H. B. No. 176—Twichell.)

## REFUNDING SEED AND FEED BONDS.

An Act Authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of Any County in North Dakota to Issue Funding or Refunding Bonds for the Purpose of Funding or Refunding Seed Grain or Seed and Feed Grain Indebtedness.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. That whenever any county in this state has heretofore incurred or shall hereafter incur any indebtedness for the purchase of seed grain or of seed grain and feed, whether such seed grain or seed grain and feed indebtedness is evidenced by warrants or by bonds or by refunding bonds, the Board of County Commissioners of such county may by resolution authorize the issuance of funding or of refunding bonds to retire such warrants, or bonds, or refunding bonds, or any or all of them.

Sec. 2. The bonds provided for in Section 1 of this Act shall be issued in denominations ranging from one hundred to one thousand dollars. They shall bear interest at a rate not higher than seven (7) per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, with coupons for each interest installment. They shall mature in serial installments beginning not less than two years after date and the last instalment shall mature not later than five years from the date thereof, and no installment shall be more than three times the amount of the smallest installment. They shall be sold at not less than par, or they may be exchanged at par for part of the indebtedness to fund, or to refund which, they are issued. Said bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and shall be attested by the county auditor under the county seal. The coupon may be executed by the facsimile signatures of said officials. Each bond shall state on its face that it is issued in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and may be payable as to principal and interest anywhere in the United States.

Sec. 3. A record of each bond issued under the provisions of this Act shall be kept by the county treasurer showing the number of each bond so issued, the date, amount, rate of interest, and when and where payable. If the bonds are sold he shall also note on his record the amount received therefor, to whom sold, and how the proceeds are disposed of. In the event the bonds are exchanged the record of the county treasurer shall disclose the date, number and denomination of the warrants, bonds or refunding bonds surrendered in payment therefor. It shall be the duty of the county auditor to keep a duplicate record of the same.

Sec. 4. Before issuing such new bonds the Board of County Commissioners shall provide for the collection of an annual tax upon all taxable property in the county sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds as the same become payable.

Sec. 5. Said board may at any time with the concurrence of the owners thereof pay and retire any of the bonds issued under the provisions of this Act out of the funds provided for that purpose at not more than the face value thereof and interest accrued to date of payment.

Sec. 6. This Act shall not operate to amend or repeal any existing legislation, but shall be held to be alternative thereto and independent thereof.

Sec. 7. All Acts and parts of Acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 8. This Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 27th, 1923.

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## CHAPTER 187.

(H. B. No. 62—Muus.)

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### COUNTY SEED AND FEED BONDS.

An Act to amend and re-enact Section 3476, Compiled Laws, 1913, as amended by Chapter 13 of the Special Session Laws, 1918, relating to the levying of Tax to Provide for a Sinking Fund to pay County Seed and Feed Bonds.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) Section 3476 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for 1913 as amended by Chapter 13 of the Special Session Laws for 1918 is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3476. TAX LEVIED FOR SINKING FUND.) For the purpose of securing prompt payment of the principal and interest of all bonds issued by any County for seed and feed under any laws heretofore in force, there shall be levied by the Board of County Commissioners at the time and in the manner other taxes are levied, such sums as shall be sufficient to pay such interest, and in addition thereto a sinking fund tax shall be annually levied sufficient to pay and retire said bonds at their maturity, and it shall be the duty of the county treasurer to pay promptly the interest upon the said bonds as the same shall fall due. No tax or fund provided for the payment of

such bonds, either principal or interest, shall at any time be used for any other purpose; provided, however, that the board of county commissioners may deposit any part or portion of the sinking fund herein provided for, in any bank, which shall furnish to the county a bond of indemnity to be approved by the board, and receive interest on the same which shall be credited to the sinking fund.

It shall be the duty of the treasurer when said bonds or any coupon or coupons attached thereto are paid, to cancel the same by writing upon the face thereof, the word "paid" and the date of payment.

Approved February 26th, 1923.

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## CHAPTER 188.

(H. B. No. 63—Muus.)

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### COLLECTION OF SEED AND FEED ACCOUNTS.

An Act to provide for the collection of Notes, Contracts and indebtedness for Seed and Feed furnished by Counties.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. It shall be the duty of the County Treasurer of any county in this state which has heretofore furnished to any of its inhabitants seed and feed under laws then in force, to collect any and all notes, contracts and evidences of indebtedness given to said county, for seed and feed heretofore furnished by said county, as the same shall fall due and upon payment thereof to satisfy any lien therefor held by the county, and return such note, contract, or other evidence of indebtedness to the debtor; and it shall be the further duty of said County Treasurer to deliver to the Board of County Commissioners a statement of all contracts for seed and feed, which remain unpaid on the first day of January in each and every year until all shall have been paid.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Board of County Commissioners at any time any contracts for seed and feed shall become due, when it deems such action advisable, to order the State's Attorney to immediately commence an action in behalf of and in the name of the county for the placing of such indebtedness in judgment, or for the foreclosure of the lien therefor in accordance with the laws providing for the foreclosure of mortgages by action or advertisement; provided in cases where the enforcement of such payment would work great hardship, the Board of County Commissioners may extend the date for payment of such debtor's contract from time to time. Provided, further, that in no case shall any extension be given

beyond the time stipulated for the last payment of funding or refunding bonds, issued to provide the seed grain, or feed furnished by the county to any such debtor.

Sec. 3. Any act or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved February 26th, 1923.

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## CHAPTER 189.

(S. B. No. 208—Thorson.)

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### COUNTY BUDGET.

An Act Relating to County Finances; Providing That all County Officials and all Officers in Charge of any Institution, Office or Undertaking Supported in Whole or in Part by the County Shall File an Itemized Statement of Amounts Necessary for Maintenance of Such Office or Institution; Providing That the County Commissioners Shall Annually Prepare a Budget; Providing for Publication of Such Budget and of the Proposed Levy; Providing for a Public Hearing in Regard to the Proposed Expenditures and Levy; Fixing a Date for Levy; Providing That all Expenditures must Conform to the Budget as Adopted, and That all Unappropriated Balances in any Fund at the End of the Fiscal Year shall Become a Part of the General Fund: Repealing Sections 3312, 3313, and 3314, of the Compiled Laws of 1913.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. Every officer in charge of any institution, office or undertaking, supported wholly or in part by the county, shall file with the board of county commissioners on or before July sixth of each year, on suitable blanks prescribed by the tax commissioner and furnished by the county commissioners, an itemized statement of the amounts of moneys which, in the opinion of such officer, will be required for the proper maintenance, extension or improvement of such institution, office or undertaking for the fiscal year next ensuing, explaining any difference between the amount of an estimate and the latest appropriation for the same purpose, and citing the laws relating thereto. The local officers who have charge of any poor relief which is supported wholly or in part by the county shall in like manner furnish the board of county commissioners with statements of the estimated amounts required from the county for poor relief during the ensuing fiscal year. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners to furnish each officer or person required to make a statement with suitable blanks on or before June first of each year.

Sec. 2. The county auditor shall annually prepare estimates of county receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year in the form prescribed by the tax commissioner and upon blanks

by him furnished. Such annual budget shall specifically set forth:

(1) The aggregate annual expenditures from each fund for each of the last three fiscal years.

(2) The amount of money received from other sources than direct property taxes and available for any purpose in each of the last three fiscal years.

(3) The amount required for each department, public office and public official; for each public improvement; for the maintenance of each public building, structure or institution; for the maintenance of public highways, roads, streets and bridges; and the construction, operation and maintenance of each public utility, and for each and every purpose authorized by law for which it is desired to raise money for the ensuing year, including all contemplated undertakings proposed for the ensuing year.

(4) The balance standing to the credit or debit of the several funds and the aggregate amount in all funds at the end of the fiscal year.

(5) The amount of uncollected taxes standing to the credit of the county.

(6) An estimate of the probable amount that may be received during the incoming or ensuing year from other sources than direct property taxes.

(7) The aggregate amount proposed to be raised for all purposes.

(8) The amount of the bonded indebtedness, setting out each issue and the purpose for which issued; the date of issue and the date of maturity; the original amount issued and the amount outstanding; the rate of interest; the sum necessary for interest and for sinking fund purposes, and the amount required for all interest and sinking fund purposes for the incoming or ensuing year.

(9) The amount required to retire all other indebtedness lawfully incurred and to pay interest thereon.

Sec. 3. The estimates of necessary expenditures and tax levies required in the preceding section of this act, together with a notice that such board of county commissioners will meet on a specified date for the purpose of making tax levies as set forth in said estimates (naming the time and place of holding such meeting), shall be published in the official newspaper of the county, if there be one; if not, then in a newspaper of general circulation in such county, for at least one publication.

It shall be the duty of the county auditor to notify by mail the township, city and village officers in regard to date of such meeting.

Sec. 4. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners to meet at the time and place designated in such notice, and any taxpayer who may appear shall be heard in favor of or against any proposed expenditures or tax levies. When such hearing shall have been concluded, such board of county commissioners shall adopt such estimate as is finally determined upon. All taxes shall be levied in specific amounts and shall not exceed the amount specified in such published estimates.

Sec. 5. The amount which the county commissioners shall levy as the county tax shall be computed by adding together the amounts of the annual appropriation and of any special appropriation so far as the money therefor is to be raised by taxation and deducting therefrom so much of the probable receipts from all sources, except loans, and of the unappropriated balance in the county treasury at the closing of the auditor's books for the previous year as the board deems advisable. The board of county commissioners of each county, on or before the fourth Tuesday in July of each year, shall determine the amount of taxes that shall be levied for county purposes and shall levy all such taxes in specific amounts.

Sec. 6. No county expenditure shall be made or liability incurred, nor shall a bill be paid for any purpose in excess of the appropriation therefor, except as provided in the two following sections.

Sec. 7. If the appropriation for any purpose is not sufficient to meet the expenditures required by law, the county auditor may, on the order of the county commissioners, make a transfer to the required fund from any other fund, except from sinking and interest funds set aside to pay the principal or interest on outstanding bond issues, or funds set aside to retire any other outstanding indebtedness. The commissioners shall place on their records a statement of all of such payments with the reasons in detail therefor, and shall report fully and specifically thereon in their published statements of proceedings.

Sec. 8. After July first and before the regular appropriations have been made by the board of county commissioners, the county board of commissioners and other officials who are authorized to incur liabilities payable by the county may incur liability at a rate of expenditure not in excess of that authorized for the same purposes for the preceding year. Payments therefor may be made from any unappropriated balance in the county treasury to be charged to the regular annual appropriations when made. No new or unusual expense shall be incurred

or permanent contract made, or salary increased, until an appropriation therefor has been made by the county board of commissioners.

Sec. 9. The expenditure of money by the several counties shall be in accordance with annual appropriations of the board of county commissioners. All bills in connection with any public office or undertaking shall be approved by the official or officials in charge of such office or undertaking before being allowed by the county board of commissioners. At the closing of the auditor's books on June thirtieth, the balance to the credit of each annual appropriation shall become a part of the general unappropriated balance in the county treasury, but no special appropriation shall lapse until the work for which it was made has been completed, the bills paid, and the account closed.

Sec. 10. At the end of each fiscal year the county auditor shall render to the county commissioners an account of all county receipts and expenditures.

Sec. 11. Any officer or officers violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars.

Sec. 12. Sections 3312, 3313, and 3314 of the Compiled Laws of 1913 and all other acts and parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 13. This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 2nd, 1923.

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## CHAPTER 190.

(H. B. No. 172—Anderson of Burleigh.)

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### COUNTY CONTRACTS, HOW LET.

An Act Relating to County Commissioners' Powers and Duties with Regard to Contracts Let on Competitive Bids.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. CONTRACTS LET ONLY ON COMPETITIVE BIDS.) The Board shall cause an advertisement for bids for the erection of County buildings, for the purchase of fuel, election ballots and election supplies as provided for in Article 13, Chapter 17 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913, when

the amount to be paid for the same during the current year shall exceed \$300.00, to be published for at least thirty days prior to the opening of bids by at least four publications in official newspapers published in the county, and such other newspaper as may seem to them advisable. Such advertisement shall state where the plans and specifications may be examined and the time allowed for the completion of the same, also the time when bids will be opened and passed upon by the board, which may be at regular or duly adjourned session of the board, or at a meeting duly called by the auditor, as provided in Section 3266 of this chapter. Such bid must contain a certified check in a sum equal to five per cent of the amount of the bid, made payable to the chairman of the Board of county commissioners, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into contract should it be awarded to him, and furnish a bond as herein provided, and the lowest responsible bid must in all cases be accepted, and the contract for the same shall be so conditioned that not more than seventy per cent of the contract price for the same shall be paid until the contract shall be executed and completed to the satisfaction and acceptance of the board, their architect or authorized superintendent, and payments to the extent of the above mentioned per cent may be made from time to time during the process of construction and divided into such installments as the board may agree upon. In contracts for County buildings the board must further require a bond from the contractor in a sum equal to the contract price, conditioned, the contractor will execute his contract and complete the building according to the plans and specifications and to the full satisfaction of the board, and account for all monies paid to him and pay all bills and claims on account of labor or materials furnished in and about the performance of said contract, including all demands of sub-contractors, and said bond shall stand as security for all such bills, claims and demands. The sureties of such bond shall be as required in Section 4801 (6834), except, however, the board may demand a surety bond, in which case the expense of procuring such bond shall be paid for by the county requiring the same. Contracts for the furnishing of election ballots, election supplies and blank books and supplies generally as provided for herein for all county offices shall be let at the first regular meeting in April in each year to run for a period of one year. All contracts shall be made and set forth in writing and may be signed on behalf of the board by the chairman with the county seal affixed, after such contract has been voted upon and carried by a majority of the board. The board shall, by virtue of this section, be empowered to engage some competent architect to prepare plans and specifications, details, etc., for a sum not to exceed five per cent of the total of the building.

Sec. 2. REPEAL.) All acts and parts of acts in so far as they are in conflict with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 8th, 1923.

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## CHAPTER 191.

(S. B. No. 235—Eastgate.)

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### COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WORK.

An Act To Amend and Re-enact Section 2263 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the Year 1913 as Amended and Re-enacted in Chapter 1 of the Session Laws for the year 1917 Relating to the Levy of a Tax by County Commissioners to be Used in Carrying on Cooperative Agricultural Extension Work as Defined by this Act and Providing for Referendum by Ballot, Audit of Funds and Disposition of Accumulated Funds.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) That Section 2263 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913 as amended and re-enacted in Chapter 1 of the Session Laws for the year 1917 be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 2263. COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WORK.) The promotion of a permanent and profitable system of farming for North Dakota. Demonstrations and instruction carried to the farmer on his own farm of the best methods for securing efficient production of farm products. The demonstration and teaching of the underlying principles of sound farm finance and economic marketing of agricultural products. The carrying on of organized club work for boys and girls. Assistance in the organization and conduct of Home Demonstration Work for women and girls. ( County Agricultural Extension Agent), popularly known as "County Agent." The person or persons jointly employed by county, state and federal governments to carry on within the county the above defined Cooperative Agricultural Extension Work. (State Extension Division.) The regularly constituted Extension Division of the State Agricultural College vested with authority to supervise work and administer funds raised for cooperative extension work by State and Federal Government. (Taxpayers.) A taxpayer as referred to in this act shall be understood to be any person paying real estate taxes. (General Election.) A general election as referred to in this act shall be understood to be the general election held in November at intervals of two years.

The Board of County Commissioners in any county of this State, upon petition of twenty-five per cent of the taxpayers

of such county, shall submit the question to a vote of the people of said county. The ballot to be submitted to the voters at such election shall be a separate ballot and shall be worded as provided in this act for a referendum in counties carrying on extension work prior to the taking effect of this act.

The petition for institution of such work shall be as follows:

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of  
.....County.

Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned real estate taxpayers of.....

.....county, respectfully petition your board to employ a county agricultural extension agent in cooperation with the State and Federal Government; who shall promote and assist in developing a permanent and profitable system of farming in the county; who shall demonstrate and teach methods of efficient production of farm products and the underlying principles of sound farm finance and economic marketing of agricultural products; who shall carry on organized club work for boys and girls; and who shall assist in the organization and conduct of Home Demonstration work for women and girls.

On or before the first regular July meeting of the Board of County Commissioners following the Elections at which said agricultural extension work was adopted, a county extension agent or agents shall be employed and cooperative agricultural extension work begun as hereinafter provided.

It shall be the duty of the State Extension Division to present a candidate or candidates approved by them to the County board for their selection and final approval as county extension agent. At such meeting a budget shall be agreed upon for the ensuing year. There shall be made available annually from county funds a sum of not less than \$2,000,00, but in no case shall the levy made for this purpose exceed .5 of a mill. The budget shall stipulate salary of agent, field and office expense allowance and clerical hire. The State Extension Division shall furnish one half of the salary of the agent and as much more as may be available from Federal and State Funds and shall bear all expenses of administration and supervision. After mutually agreeing upon the budget and after deducting the amount of funds directly contributed by the said Extension Division, the commissioners, shall proceed to make such levy as will cover the county's share of the expense. Each year thereafter until discontinued by referendum vote, as hereinafter provided, a similar budget shall be agreed upon and such levy made by the Board of Commissioners as will meet

the county's share of the cost of such cooperative extension work. In case of a vacancy in the position of agent, the procedure for the selection of a successor shall be similar to that mentioned for the selection of an agent when the work is instituted in the county.

The active direction and supervision of the work of the County extension agents shall be carried on by the State Extension Division of the Agricultural College. The Board of County Commissioners shall, however, have general administrative authority and shall be frequently consulted with reference to general policies and the work of the agents. Their suggestions and directions shall be followed when not in conflict with State and Federal Laws or regulations governing appropriations for extension work. County Extension agents shall file with the County auditor monthly a statement of their work which report shall in turn be presented by the auditor to the County Board of Commissioners. If either the State Extension Division or the Board of County Commissioners become dissatisfied with an agent, a joint meeting shall be arranged at which time detailed information as to misconduct, negligence or inefficiency of the agent will be presented and such joint action taken by both parties as is justified by the evidence.

An accurate itemized account of all expenditures incurred by county extension agents in the regular conduct of their duties shall be submitted monthly by them to the State Extension Division for examination and audit and by them in turn transmitted for audit and recommended for payment to the County Board of Commissioners who shall have authority to approve or disallow expense items.

The County Commissioners in any county levying a tax for Cooperative Extension Work shall submit to a vote the question of continuation of such work upon the filing of a petition worded as follows and signed by at least fifteen per cent of the taxpayers of a county.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners of  
.....County.

Gentlemen

We, the undersigned real estate taxpayers of.....  
.....County respectfully petition your Honorable  
Board to submit the question of continuing the levy for the  
support of Cooperative Agricultural Extension work in.....  
.....County to a vote of the people of said County  
at the next general election.

The ballot to be submitted to the voters at such election shall be a separate ballot worded as follows:

For the Support of Cooperative Agricultural Extension work.

Against the Support of Cooperative Agricultural Extension work.

If a majority of the votes cast are against the support of this work, the tax levy and the services of the agent shall be discontinued on December 31st following the date of the election, provided that funds accumulated under the provisions of this act, remaining in the treasury at such date, may be carried into any fund that the county commissioners deem expedient. If a majority of the votes cast are for the support of such work it shall be the duty of the county commissioners to continue said tax levy and said Cooperative Extension work. In case of either a negative or affirmative vote, the commissioners may be again petitioned to submit the question at any succeeding general election. Such petition must, however, carry the signatures of at least fifteen per cent of the taxpayers of the county. The wording of the petitions and ballot and the action taken as a result of such vote shall be in accordance with the referendum provisions of this act.

It shall be unlawful for a Board of County Commissioners in any county which is legally appropriating funds for extension work to submit to vote the question of whether the tax levy provided for in this act shall be continued, without receiving notice at least thirty days before the general election from the County Auditor of the filing of said petitions requesting a referendum vote.

Any acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved March 8th, 1923.

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## CHAPTER 192.

(S. B. No. 344—Garberg.)

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### COUNTY BUILDINGS.

An Act To Amend and Re-enact Section 3294 of the Compiled Laws of the State of North Dakota for 1913, Relating to the Purchase, Erection, Repair and Maintenance of County Buildings.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) That Section 3294 of the Compiled Laws of the State of North Dakota for 1913, be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3294. TO ERECT, REPAIR AND MAINTAIN BUILDINGS FROM CURRENT REVENUE.) The board shall have authority under the provisions of this article to provide for the purchase, erection, repairing and maintaining of court houses, county hospitals, jails and other necessary buildings within and for the county, and to make contracts on behalf of the county for the building, repairing and maintaining of same; but no expenditure for the purpose herein named greater than can be paid out of the annual revenue of the county for the current year shall be made unless the question of such expenditure shall have first been submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of such county and shall have been approved by a majority of the votes so cast; and the board shall determine the amount and rate of taxes to be submitted to a vote for such purpose.

Approved March 8th, 1923.

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### CHAPTER 193.

(H. B. No. 240—Olafson.)

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#### BONDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

An Act to Amend and Re-enact Section 667 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913, relating to County Commissioners furnishing bonds.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

Sec. 1. AMENDMENT.) That Section 667 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913 be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 667. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FURNISH BOND.) Every person hereafter elected or appointed to the office of County Commissioner of any County within the State of North Dakota is hereby required to give to the county an official bond before entering upon the duties of his or her office, conditioned on the faithful performance and discharge of the official duties of his or her office, and to render a true, accurate and full account of all business transactions, powers and trusts of every kind and nature that shall come before him or her, or into his or her hands as such officer, according to law. Such bond shall include all the business of the County done by him and protect the County against all acts of omission as well as commission including all errors caused by carelessness or inattention in office; such bonds shall be given through the State Bonding Department of the State of North Dakota and which bond shall be in the penal sum of two thousand dollars and the premium for said bond shall be paid out of the general fund of the county.

Approved February 27th, 1923.