

S. F. No. 240.

Public schools in districts of over 50,000 people.

CHAPTER 77.

An act relating to public schools in school districts of over fifty thousand inhabitants and to provide funds therefor.

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

May levy additional tax not to exceed $1\frac{1}{4}$ mills.

SECTION 1. School districts now or hereafter having over fifty thousand inhabitants are hereby empowered to raise annually by taxation independently of and in addition to other sums for school purposes authorized by law, an amount not exceeding one and one-half mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of taxable property within such district for the purchase of school sites and the erection, repair, furnishing and fitting of public school buildings and the general maintenance of the public schools within such district, and to appropriate the same to such or any of such uses.

Only 1 mill for general maintenance; balance to building fund.

Provided, that such sum, to the extent of one mill on each dollar of valuation only, may be appropriated to general maintenance; and the remainder thereof shall be applicable to the erection, repair, furnishing and fitting of school buildings and the acquisition of school sites, or one or more of such uses, but shall be appropriated to no other purpose.

Construction of act; powers given independent of other acts.

SEC. 2. This act shall be construed as an independent and separate grant of power and shall in no wise supersede existing provisions of law for raising revenue for the support of schools, whether under general or special laws, but the powers here given may also be exercised concurrently with other powers and to provide a greater revenue for the schools within such district, limitations of power under existing laws notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 20, 1899.

CHAPTER 78.

S. F. No. 187.

Railroad companies required to have uniform road gauge.

An act to require all railroad companies owning railroads in the State of Minnesota, of less than four feet, eight and one-half inches gauge, to adopt such gauge within such reasonable time as may be fixed by the railroad and warehouse commission.

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

SECTION 1. That all railroad companies who at the date of the passage of this act are the owners of and operating a railroad in the State of Minnesota, of a gauge less than four feet eight and one-half inches in width, shall within such reasonable time as may be fixed by the railroad and warehouse commission change the gauge of said railroads, to four feet eight and one-half inches.

Gauge to be 4 feet 8½ inches when required by Railroad and Warehouse Commission.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the railroad and warehouse commission, within one year after the passage of this act, to examine all the railroads in this state now in existence, that are less than four feet eight and one-half inches gauge, and if they find that it is feasible or in their judgment necessary and reasonable to change the gauge of any such railroad to four feet eight and one-half inches, they shall make their order in writing, fixing such reasonable time within which such gauge shall be changed to that width. In making such order, said commission shall take into consideration the amount and probable life of the rolling stock of such narrow gauged road, and all other facts bearing on the reasonableness of the time to be allowed to make such change of gauge.

Railroad and Warehouse Commission, duty of.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 20, 1899.

CHAPTER 79.

S. F. No. 321.

An act relating to the vacation of streets, alleys and public grounds in cities having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants; and repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith.

Streets, alleys and public grounds: vacation of.

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

SECTION 1. That no vacation of any street, alley or public ground in any city having, according to the then last state or national census, a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants, shall be hereafter allowed except upon such terms and conditions, as well as to the compensation, if any, to be paid by the persons seeking such vacation, or otherwise, as shall be specified in the resolution ordering such vacation.

Vacation of not allowed except on terms specified in resolution.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts relating to compensation otherwise than as herein provided, are hereby repealed.