

submission of the question of levying a tax for such purpose to the voters of such cities, villages, boroughs and townships, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 449.09.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 449.09, is hereby amended to read as follows :

449.09. Bands in towns, villages, and certain cities. Cities of the second, third, or fourth class, villages, boroughs, or towns, however organized, may, when authorized as hereinafter provided, levy each year a tax not to exceed *three* mills for the purpose of providing a fund for the maintenance or employment of a band for municipal purposes. No such levy by any such municipality shall exceed, in any one year, the sum of \$10,000 nor such levy by any such towns shall exceed the sum of \$1,500. Any and all sums so levied shall be separately levied and when collected shall be paid into a separate special fund and used for these purposes. In the event taxes have been levied and collected for the maintenance or employment of a band for municipal purposes and the band shall have been discontinued or the city, village, borough, or town by a vote of the people as now provided by law shall have decided not to employ a band, the city or village council may transfer the sums so levied and collected to the general fund of the municipality; no such levy shall be made for any such fund when, at the proper time for the making thereof, according to the municipal records of the receipts thereof and disbursements therefrom, there shall be in the fund an unexpended balance amounting to as much as the maximum levy permitted by law therefor, reckoning in such receipts all uncollected but not delinquent taxes, and reckoning in such disbursements all outstanding obligations against the fund.

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CHAPTER 564—S. F. No. 1201

An act relating to an annual tax levy to provide funds for the construction of roads and bridges in certain counties; repealing Laws 1945, Chapter 404.

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

Section 1. Laws 1945, Chapter 404, is hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 565—S. F. No. 1325

An act relating to prospecting for and mining of gold and other minerals on lands owned by the State or in which the State has an interest, amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.25.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 93.25, is amended to read as follows :

93.25. Permits to prospect for ores other than iron; rents; royalties. The commissioner may *with the approval of the executive council* issue permits to prospect for gold, silver, copper, cobalt, graphite, coal, and petroleum and other minerals than iron ore *upon any lands owned by the state, including trust fund lands, lands forfeited for non-payment of taxes whether held in trust or otherwise, and lands otherwise acquired. Such permits shall be issued for a period not to exceed one year and under such regulations as he may prescribe. At any time prior to the expiration of any such prospecting permit the holder thereof shall have the right to lease the land covered by the permit for the purpose of mining and removing therefrom any minerals which may be discovered therein other than iron ore. The rents, royalties, terms, conditions, and covenants of all such leases shall be fixed by the commissioner pursuant to such regulations as he may prescribe, but no lease shall be for a longer term than 25 years, and all such rents, royalties, terms, conditions, and covenants shall be fully set forth in each lease thus issued and the rents and royalties therein provided for shall be credited to the funds as provided in Section 93.22 or Section 93.335, Subdivision 4, as amended.*

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