

CHAPTER 374—S. F. No. 1249

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing certain cities to appropriate money for the use of the chamber of commerce for city government.

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

Section 1. Appropriation to chamber of commerce for betterment of city. In any city, with not less than 700 and not more than 850 inhabitants, according to the 1950 federal census, located in a county having not less than 200,000 and not more than 300,000 inhabitants, and an area of over 5,000 square miles, the city council may appropriate \$500 from the general revenue fund for the use of the city chamber of commerce, in the betterment of the city.

Approved April 10, 1957.

CHAPTER 375—S. F. 1275

An act abolishing dower and curtesy and statutory interest in lieu of dower and curtesy in all lands conveyed prior to January 1, 1940, and limiting the time for the commencement of actions for the recovery of estates in dower or by the curtesy or estates in lieu of dower or by the curtesy, and limiting the time for the commencement of actions by any person claiming by reason of failure of a spouse to join in a conveyance of land which constituted the homestead of the grantor at the time of the conveyance where such conveyance was made prior to January 1, 1940; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 519.09 and 519.101.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 519.09, is amended to read:

519.09 Dower and curtesy abolished. All inchoate estates or statutory interests in lieu of dower and curtesy in all lands in this state which have been conveyed prior to January 1, 1940, by the husband or wife of the one entitled to such inchoate dower or curtesy, or statutory interest, by a conveyance in writing, are hereby abolished.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 519.101, is amended to read:

519.101. Actions not maintained. No action for the

recovery of real property, or of any right therein, or the possession thereof, shall be maintained by any person having any estate in dower or by the curtesy or any estate or statutory interest in lieu of dower or by the curtesy therein, or by anyone claiming, by, through or under any such person, where it appears that the husband or wife of such person conveyed such real property, or any interest therein, by a conveyance in writing, prior to the first day of January, 1940; and no action shall be maintained for the recovery of real property, or of any right therein, or the possession thereof, by any person claiming by reason of failure of a spouse to join in a conveyance of land which constituted the homestead of the grantor at the time of the conveyance where such conveyance was made prior to January 1, 1940, unless such action shall be commenced on or prior to the first day of January, 1958, and notice thereof filed for record at the time of the commencement of said action in the office of the Register of Deeds in the county where said real property is situate.

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CHAPTER 376—S. F. No. 1290

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An act relating to libraries in counties having more than 350,000 and less than 500,000 inhabitants; authorizing issuance of bonds to build a central library building, warehouse and garage and a tax levy to pay interest on and to retire said bonds.

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

Section 1. Ramsey county, construction of library; bond issue. County boards in counties having more than 350,000 and less than 500,000 inhabitants, at the request of a county library board created pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 375.33, may issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 which shall become the obligation of that area of the county subject to the county library tax. Proceeds from the sale of such bonds shall be used to purchase a site for and to construct a central library building, warehouse and garage.

Sec. 2. Site. With the approval of the county board the county library board shall select a site for such central library building, warehouse and garage and appoint architects to draw plans and specifications therefor. If it approves the plans and specifications the county board shall proceed to advertise for bids and shall construct said facilities.