

CHAPTER 143—S. F. No. 1186

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An act relating to the issuance of bonds or certificates of indebtedness in certain third class cities.

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

Section 1. **Cities third class; bonds, acquire land for highways and re-paving projects.** The city council or other governing body of any city of the third class situated in any county which is adjacent or contiguous to a city of the first class in another county may by a majority vote of all its members, any charter provision notwithstanding, issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness payable over a period of not to exceed ten years in such amount as may be necessary not to exceed \$30,000.00, to meet an equal contribution by the State of Minnesota for the acquisition of land or easements for the straightening and re-aligning of a state trunk highway in such city of the third class in conjunction with a re-paving project.

Approved March 20, 1953.

CHAPTER 144—H. F. No. 31

An act relating to the acquiring of tax-forfeited land by governmental subdivisions of the State; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 282.01, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 282.01, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

282.01 **Tax-forfeited lands, classification.** Subdivision 1. **Conservation, non-conservation.** All parcels of land becoming the property of the state in trust under the provisions of any law now existing or hereafter enacted declaring the forfeiture of lands to the state for taxes, shall be classified by the county board of the county wherein such parcels lie as conservation or non-conservation. Such classification shall be made with consideration, among other things, to the present use of adjacent lands, the productivity of the soil, the character of forest or other growth, accessibility of lands to establish [established] roads, schools, and other public services, and their peculiar suitability or desirability for particular uses. Such classification, furthermore, shall aid: to encourage and foster a mode of land utilization that will facilitate the economical and adequate provision of transportation, roads, water supply, drainage, sanitation, education, and recreation; to

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facilitate reduction of governmental expenditures; to conserve and develop the natural resources; and to foster and develop agriculture and other industries in the districts and places best suited thereto. In making such classification the county board may make use of such data and information as may be made available by any office or department of the federal, state, or local governments, or by any other person or agency possessing information pertinent thereto at the time such classification is made. Such lands may be reclassified from time to time as the county board may deem necessary or desirable, except as to conservation lands held by the state free from any trust in favor of any taxing district. Provided that if any such lands are located within the boundaries of any organized town, or incorporated municipality, the classification or reclassification and sale shall first be approved by the town board of such town or the governing body of such municipality is so far as the lands located therein are concerned. Any tax-forfeited lands may be sold by the county board to any organized or incorporated governmental subdivision of the state for any public purpose for which such subdivision is authorized to acquire property or may be released from the trust in favor of the taxing districts upon application of any state agency for any authorized use at not less than their value as determined by the county board. The commissioner of taxation shall have power to convey by deed in the name of the state any tract of tax-forfeited land held in trust in favor of the taxing districts, to any governmental subdivision for any authorized public use, provided that an application therefore shall be submitted to the commissioner with a statement of facts as to the use to be made of such tract and the need therefor and the recommendation of the county board. The deed of conveyance shall be upon a form approved by the attorney general and shall be conditioned upon continued use for the purpose stated in the application, *provided, however that if the governing body of such governmental subdivision by resolution determines that some other public use shall be made of such lands, and such change of use is approved by the county board and an application for such change of use is made to the commissioner, and approved by him, such changed use may be made of such lands without the necessity of the governing body conveying the lands back to the state and securing a new conveyance from the state to the governmental subdivision for such new public use.*

Whenever any governmental subdivision to which any tax-forfeited land has been conveyed for a specified public use as provided in this section shall fail to put such land to such use, or to some other authorized public use as provided herein, or shall abandon such use, the governing body of the sub-

division shall authorize the proper officers to convey the same, or such portion thereof not required for an authorized public use, to the State of Minnesota, and such officers shall execute a deed of such conveyance forthwith, which conveyance shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner and in form approved by the attorney general, provided, however, that a sale, lease, transfer or other conveyance of such lands by a housing and redevelopment authority as authorized by sections 462.411 to 462.711 shall not be an abandonment of such use and such lands shall not be reconveyed to the state nor shall they revert to the state. No vote of the people shall be required for such conveyance. In case any such land shall not be so conveyed to the state, the commissioner of taxation shall by written instrument, in form approved by the attorney general, declare the same to have reverted to the state, and shall serve a notice thereof, with a copy of the declaration, by registered mail upon the clerk or recorder of the governmental subdivision concerned, provided, that no declaration of reversion shall be made earlier than five years from the date of conveyance for failure to put such land to such use or from the date of abandonment of such use if such lands have been put to such use. The commissioner shall file the original declaration in his office, with verified proof of service as herein required. The governmental subdivision may appeal to the district court of the county in which the land lies by filing with the clerk of court a notice of appeal, specifying the grounds of appeal and the description of the land involved, mailing a copy thereof by registered mail to the commissioner of taxation, and filing a copy thereof for record with the register of deeds or register [registrar] of titles, all within 30 days after the mailing of the notice of reversion. The appeal shall be tried by the court in like manner as a civil action. If no appeal is taken as herein provided, the declaration of reversion shall be final. The commissioner of taxation shall file for record with the register of deeds or register [registrar] of titles, of the county within which the land lies, a certified copy of the declaration of reversion and proof of service.

Approved March 24, 1953.

CHAPTER 145—H. F. No. 166

An act relating to the use of free transportation passes issued by railway or motor-bus companies in certain instances and amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 218.31.

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