

CHAPTER 75.

S. F. No. 316

An Act to provide for the construction or purchase of bridges by cities having a population in excess of 50,000 people.

Cities of over 50,000 population.

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

SECTION 1. That any city in the State of Minnesota at any time having a population of more than 50,000 according to the last officially promulgated state or national census, is hereby authorized and empowered to construct a bridge across any navigable canal in such city, whenever the common council of such city, or a majority thereof, may deem the same necessary for the public convenience.

May construct bridge over canal.

SEC. 2. That such city is hereby authorized and empowered by its common council or a majority thereof to contract on its behalf for the construction of such bridge and provide for payment thereof in such installments upon such terms and at such times as to such common council shall seem proper; provided that the contract price of such bridge shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), and the deferred payments therefor shall not bear interest at a rate exceeding five per cent per annum.

Cost and payment.

SEC. 3. That such city is hereby authorized and empowered by its common council, or a majority thereof, to purchase any bridge that may be constructed across any navigable canal in such city, whenever the common council of such city, or a majority thereof, may deem the same necessary for the public convenience. Said common council is authorized to enter into a contract or agreement for the purchase of such bridge before or after the construction of same is completed, provided that the contract price for the purchase of such bridge shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), nor shall the deferred payments thereof bear interest at a rate exceeding five per cent per annum. Provided further, that if there is any incumbrance upon such bridge said city shall not have a right to purchase same if incumbrance exceeds one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), or bears a rate of interest exceeding five per cent per annum, and the total purchase price, including all incumbrance shall not exceed \$100,000.

Purchase of constructed bridge.

SEC. 4. The indebtedness to the amount hereinbefore provided that may be incurred by such city in the con-

struction or purchase of any such bridge, shall not be deemed any part of the indebtedness of such city for the purpose of ascertaining whether the limitation of indebtedness of such city has been reached.

Contract for purchase or construction.

SEC. 5. Before any such city shall purchase or construct any such bridge as hereinbefore provided for, the common council of such city shall, by resolution passed by a majority of all the aldermen; authorize the making of a contract or agreement for the construction or purchase of such bridge as hereinbefore provided for in this act, and such contract or agreement shall be signed by the mayor and sealed with the seal of the city, attested by the clerk and countersigned by the comptroller of such city, and also be signed by the party, partnership or corporation agreeing to construct or sell such bridge to such city. Such city shall not under any circumstances be authorized to issue bonds for the construction or purchase of any such bridge, but the indebtedness as herein limited shall be incurred in the form of a contract or agreement as hereinbefore provided for.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 22, 1901.

S. F. No. 388.

CHAPTER 76.

Villages.
Dams and
ditches.

An Act to authorize the village councils of incorporated villages in this state to expend money for building and maintaining dams and ditches for the protection of such villages against inundation by high water; and to legalize the expenditure of money and contracts made for such purposes.

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

\$500 from
liquor license
fund.

SECTION 1. That the village council of any incorporated village in this state may appropriate from the liquor license fund of such village a sum not exceeding five hundred (500) dollars annually for the purpose of constructing and maintaining dams and ditches in or adjacent to such village, according to oral or written contracts between said village and the owner or owners of the lands affected by such dams and ditches, for the protection of such village against inundation by high water.

SEC. 2. That in all cases where the village council of any incorporated village in this state has heretofore obtained permission, either by oral or written contract.