

CHAPTER 399—H. F. No. 420.

An Act to authorize any city in this state now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants to issue and sell its bonds for the purpose of constructing or aiding in the construction of a bridge across any navigable stream forming a part of the boundary line of such city for traffic other than by railways, street railways and tramways.

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

\$150,000 bonds for bridge authorized.—Section 1. That any city in the state of Minnesota now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants may, by ordinance adopted by a three-fourths vote of all members elect of its common council or city council, issue and sell bonds of such city of the par value of not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) for the purpose of constructing or aiding in the construction of a bridge over and across any navigable stream which forms a part of the boundary line of such city, and the bonds provided for in this act may be issued and sold notwithstanding any charter provision of such city or any law in this state limiting the amount of indebtedness of any such city.

Provided, that such bridge shall be for the exclusive use of foot passengers, wagons, carriages and other means of transportation than railways, street railways or tramways, and that it shall not be lawful for such bridge to be used or occupied by railways, street railways or tramways, whether operated by steam, electricity, animal power or power of any other kind.

Thirty years at 4 per cent—How signed and sold—Full faith of city pledged.—Sec. 2. No bonds shall be issued by any such city for the purpose above mentioned to run for a longer period than thirty years, nor bearing a higher rate of interest than four per cent per annum, but the place of payment of the principal and interest thereof and the denomination in which the same shall be issued shall be such as may be determined upon by the common council or city council and may be in the form of coupon bonds or registered certificates, so-called.

All such bonds shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the comptroller of such city, and shall be sealed with the seal of the city.

Provided, that the signature to the coupons attached to such bonds, if any, may be lithographed thereon, and none of said bonds shall be sold at less than par value and accrued interest, and only to the highest responsible bidder therefor.

The full faith and credit of any such city shall be pledged at all times for the payment of both principal and interest of any bonds issued under this act, and such city shall each year levy

sufficient tax to pay the annual current interest on such bonds, and to provide a suitable sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity.

This act shall apply to cities existing under what is known as a home rule charter framed pursuant to section 36 of article 4 of the constitution, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 22, 1909.

CHAPTER 400—H. F. No. 570.

An Act relating to the education of children, defining the powers and duties of the clerks, school boards and teachers in certain school districts and of county superintendents of schools and county attorneys in the enforcing of attendance at school, also amending sections 1449 and 1450 of the Revised Laws of 1905, relating to the education of truants and their commitment to the state training school.

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

Children between 8 and 16 years to be sent to school unless certain excuses are found valid.—Section 1. Every parent, guardian, or other person who resides in any school district, and who has control of any child or children of or between the ages of eight and sixteen years, and in school districts contained in cities of the first class, between the ages of eight and eighteen, shall send such child or children to a public or private school in each year during the entire time the public schools of such district are in session.

Provided, however, that such child or children may be excused from such attendance upon a written application to the school board by the parent, guardian or person having control of such child or children for the whole or any part of such period by the school board or board of education of the school district in which such parent, guardian or person having control over such child or children resides, upon its being shown to the satisfaction of such board—

(1) That such parent, guardian or other person having control is not able by reason of poverty to clothe such child properly; or

(2) That such child's bodily or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance at school or application to study for the period required; or