

purchase by such board, of land adjacent to the lands of the said state agricultural school which may remain unsold, which land the said board of regents of the state university is hereby authorized to buy as it may seem desirable and to cause the same to be conveyed to the State of Minnesota.

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CHAPTER 160—II. F. No. 891.

*An Act to amend section two thousand nine hundred ninety-three (2993), Revised Laws of 1905, as amended by chapter one hundred fifty-six (156), General Laws of Minnesota for 1907, relating to the limit of loans of banks.*

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

**Certain first mortgage securities not be construed as liability.**

—Section 1. That section two thousand nine hundred ninety-three (2993) of the Revised Laws, 1905, as amended by chapter one hundred fifty-six (156), General Laws of Minnesota for 1907, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 2993. The total liabilities to it, as principal, surety, or endorser, of any person, corporation, or co-partnership, including the liabilities of the several members thereof, shall never exceed fifteen (15) per cent of its capital actually paid in cash and of its actual surplus fund. *Provided*, however, that loans not exceeding 25% of such capital and surplus made upon first mortgage security on improved farms in the State of Minnesota, shall not constitute a liability of the maker of the notes secured by such mortgages within the meaning of the foregoing provision limiting liability, but shall be an actual liability of such maker; *provided*, that such mortgage loans be limited to, and in no case to exceed forty (40) per cent of the cash value of the security covered by such mortgage. The total liability of any officer or director shall never exceed ten per cent of the same aggregate amount. But the discount of the following classes of paper shall not be regarded as creating liability within the meaning of this section, viz.:

1. Of commercial paper actually owned by the person negotiating the same, or of the bonds, orders or warrants of any county, town, village, or school district in this state.

2. Bills of exchange drawn in good faith against actually existing values.

3. Paper based upon the collateral security of warehouse receipts covering agricultural or manufactured products stored in elevators or warehouses under either of the following conditions:

First—When the actual market value of the property covered by such receipts at all times exceeds by at least ten per cent the amount loaned thereon.

Second—When the full amount of every such loan is at all times covered by fire insurance in duly authorized companies, within the limit of their ability to cover such amounts, and the excess, if any, in companies having sufficient paid-up capital to authorize their admission, and payable, in case of loss, to the bank or holder of the warehouse receipt, unless accompanied by a certificate of the railroad and warehouse commission declaring the warehouse issuing the same to be fire-proof.”

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#### CHAPTER 161—H. F. No. 897.

*An Act to permit county boards to issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness in certain cases.*

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

**Bridge bonds authorized.**—Section 1. Whenever any bridge or bridges in any county are destroyed by floods or cyclones and there are not sufficient funds available in the county road and bridge fund of such county, to replace such bridge or bridges, the county board may issue and sell the bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the county for such sum as may be necessary to replace any such bridge or bridges.

**To be sold at par at six per cent.**—Sec. 2. Said bonds or certificates of indebtedness shall not be sold for less than par nor shall they bear a higher rate of interest than six per cent. They shall be sold upon competitive bids after two weeks published noticed in the official paper of the county and after such other public notice as the county board shall direct.

**Annual tax authorized.**—Sec. 3. The county board may levy an annual tax upon the taxable property of the county to pay such bonds or certificates of indebtedness as they shall mature.

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