

fixed by the board of county commissioners, not exceeding two thousand dollars per annum, and he shall in addition be allowed actual traveling expenses not to exceed six hundred dollars in any one year. He shall file with the county auditor an itemized account of his expenses every three months, verified by his affidavit, showing that they have been incurred in the discharge of his official duties. He shall before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office, take an oath before some person authorized by law to administer oaths that he will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Minnesota and that he will faithfully, impartially and to the best of his ability, discharge the duties of his office, and he shall file a certificate of his having done so in the office of the auditor of the county for which he is appointed, and he shall also give a bond payable to said board of commissioners in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, with good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the board of county commissioners of the county for which he is appointed, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office, and said bond shall be filed with the county auditor of such county.

Approved April 13, 1911.

CHAPTER 134—S. F. No. 213.

An Act to authorize any city in this state having a home rule charter to provide for the payment of special assessments for paving in not to exceed fifteen annual installments, in cities having a population of twenty thousand inhabitants or less.

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

Special assessments to be paid in fifteen annual installments.

—Section 1. That any city having a home rule charter in this state and having a population of twenty thousand inhabitants or less may, in addition to the powers conferred upon it by charter, provide for the payment of special assessments for the paving of any public street, alley, lane, levee or highway, in not to exceed fifteen annual installments in the manner as follows:

Duties of council or board of public works.—Sec. 2. The city council of any such city or the board of public works of any such city, whichever body is by charter authorized to make a special assessment for the costs and expense of paving any public street, alley, lane, levee or highway, may, if they deem it expedient so to do, by resolution, determine the number of annual installments, not to exceed fifteen in which such assess-

ments may be paid, and direct the city clerk or other like officer of the city, to, after giving the notice hereinafter specified and after the expiration of twenty days from the date of giving of such notice divide the then unpaid part of such assessments into the number of equal installments theretofore determined, and to compute and add to each installment the full amount of interest which would be due upon such unpaid part of such assessments at the date of maturity of each of said installments respectively; *the first installment thereof to mature on the first day of November succeeding the year in which the improvement is made for which said assessment is levied and each succeeding installment to mature at intervals respectively of one year thereafter*; the interest to be added to such first installment shall be computed from the date of the expiration of said twenty day period.

Forthwith upon the adoption of such resolution the city clerk or other like officer shall give notice by one publication in the official paper of said city that the whole or any part of such assessment may be paid within twenty days after the date of such publication, and that after the expiration of said period of twenty days, all parts of such assessment then unpaid will be divided into installments, with interest thereupon all as above set forth; such interest to be at the rate of six per cent per annum.

Duty of city clerk.—Sec. 3. The city clerk or other like officer of any such city shall on or before the tenth day of December in each and every year file in the office of the county auditor of the proper county a statement containing a description of each and every tract of land upon which the next then maturing installment of such assessment has not been paid, and the amount of principal and interest which will next become due upon each of said tracts or lots of land; and the said auditor shall insert the same with the other taxes in the duplicate statement of taxes annually transmitted by him to the county treasurer for collection and payment thereof, and the same shall be enforced with and in like manner as city, county and state taxes are collected and enforced.

Council may issue certificates of indebtedness.—Sec. 4. That for the purpose of providing funds in advance of the collection of the moneys to be derived from any such assessment the city council of any such city may from time to time issue certificates of indebtedness of such city to be paid out of the moneys collected from any such assessment.

To be signed by mayor and clerk.—Sec. 5. Such certificates shall bear date of the day when actually issued and delivered, shall be under the corporate seal of such city, signed by

the mayor, and countersigned by the city clerk, or other like officer, in such sums as the city council may from time to time determine, not exceeding the aggregate amount of such unpaid assessment, and shall be payable at the office of the city treasurer of said city at such time or times as such council shall determine, and out of funds to be derived from the assessment in said certificate specified, with interest payable annually at a rate not to exceed six per cent per annum and shall be payable to bearer.

Form of certificates.—Sec. 6. Such certificates shall be substantially in the following form: Public improvement certificate of the City of..... Installment No..... Amount..... Serial No.....

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that the sum of.....dollars has been assessed against the lots and parcels of land mentioned in the assessment roll for the following improvement, to-wit: the paving in said city of....., which said assessment is a valid and subsisting lien and charge against the lots, pieces and parcels of land therein mentioned and described, and that said sum has been divided into installments; that this certificate represents the sum of.....dollars: being part of installment No....., which is due and payable to said city of.....out of the property pledged by law for its payment, and issued pursuant to the provisions of chapter, of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1911; and the said city of.....hereby guarantees to the holder of this certificate that it will cause to be collected the said installment and will pay upon surrender of this certificate to its treasurer at the office of the city treasurer, on....., the sum of.....dollars, with interest thereon from date hereof to the time mentioned herein for payment at the rate of.....per cent per annum.

In testimony whereof the said city of..... has caused this certificate to be signed by its mayor, and attested by its clerk and its corporate seal affixed hereto this..... day of..... A. D.,

.....Mayor.

Countersigned:

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City Clerk.

City seal.

The installments of interest accruing upon any of such certificates shall be evidenced by coupons or orders thereto attached,

signed by the mayor and city clerk or other like officers of said city, such certificates shall not be sold, negotiated or disposed of by any such city issuing the same at less than the par value thereof.

All moneys collected from any such assessment shall be set apart for and applied to the payment of the certificates issued upon said assessment, and shall not be in whole or in part applied to any other or different use or purpose whatever.

No error or informality in any action taken by such city in the ordering or making of such assessment or in the execution, delivery or issue of any such certificates shall in any manner affect the validity of any such assessment.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 135—S. F. No. 348.

An Act releasing purchasers from the state of lands granted to the state by the Congress of the United States from compliance with the provisions of sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of chapter 299, General Laws of 1905, and of chapter 106, General Laws of 1909, all prescribing terms, limitations and conditions on which lands granted to the state by the Congress of the United States shall be sold, and releasing such purchasers from the terms, limitations and conditions inserted or implied in their contracts or certificates of sale pursuant to said statutory provisions, and repealing said statutory provisions.

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

State land purchasers released from obligations.—Section 1. Any and all persons who have heretofore purchased from the State of Minnesota any of the lands granted to the state by the Congress of the United States are hereby released from compliance with the provisions of sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of chapter 299, General Laws of 1905 and of chapter 106, General Laws of 1909, and from the terms, limitations and conditions inserted or implied in their contracts or certificates of sale pursuant to said statutory provisions.

Contracts and certificates to remain in force.—Sec. 2. Any and all such contracts and certificates of sale shall be and remain of the same force and effect as if not containing, either expressly or by implication, any of the terms, limitations or conditions prescribed by the statutory provisions aforesaid; *provided* nothing herein contained shall be construed to release such pur-