

CHAPTER 294—H. F. No. 1025.

An Act to authorize cities of this state now or hereafter having a population of over 50,000 inhabitants to issue and sell municipal bonds for the purpose of constructing additional fire engine houses and buildings and acquiring sites therefor and purchasing and installing new fire alarm boxes, cables, wires, pipes, and conduits, for the extension of the underground wires and fire alarm system of such cities, and for acquiring new and additional equipment for the fire departments thereof.

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

\$75000 fire engine house authorized.—Section 1. Any city in this state now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants, in addition to all the powers now possessed by such city, is hereby authorized and empowered, acting by and through the city council of such city by resolution duly passed by an affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths of all members elect of such city council, to issue and sell municipal bonds of such city to an amount not exceeding \$75,000 par value, for the purpose of constructing additional fire engine houses and buildings and acquiring sites therefor in such city and purchasing and installing new fire alarm boxes, cables, wires, pipes and conduits, for the extension of the underground wires and fire alarm system of such city, and for acquiring new and additional equipment for the fire department of such city.

To be issued regardless of present indebtedness.—Sec. 2. The bonds hereby authorized or any part thereof may be issued and sold by any such city, notwithstanding any limitation contained in the charter of such city or any law of this state prescribing or fixing any limit upon the bonded indebtedness of such city, but the full faith and credit of any such city shall at all times be pledged for the payment of any bonds issued hereunder and for the current interest thereon, and the city council of such city shall each year include in the tax levy for such city a sufficient amount to provide for the payment of such interest as it accrues, and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

To run thirty years at four per cent—How issued.—Sec. 3. No bonds shall be issued by any such city under this act for the purposes hereinbefore named to run for a longer period than thirty years or bearing a higher rate of interest than 4 per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually, but the place of the payment of the principal and interest thereon and the denominations in which the same shall be issued shall be such as may be determined by the city council. All such bonds shall be

signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the city comptroller and shall be sealed with the seal of such city, except that the signatures to the coupons attached to such bonds, if any, may be lithographed thereon, and none of such bonds shall be sold for less than 95 per cent of their par value and accrued interest and then only to the highest responsible bidder therefor.

Sec. 4. This act shall not apply to cities governed by a home-rule charter adopted pursuant to section 36, article 4, of the state constitution, and the laws of this state relating to the adoption of such home-rule charters.

Approved April 19, 1911.

CHAPTER 295—H. F. No. 1076.

An Act to amend section 1 of chapter 207, General Laws 1907, relating to clerk hire for county auditors in certain counties.

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

County board may grant additional sum for clerk hire in auditor's office.—Section 1. That section 1 of chapter 207, General Laws 1907, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 1. In each county of this state containing 75 or more congressional townships of land and having an assessed valuation of more than five million dollars, the county auditor thereof shall be allowed for clerk hire, for the year 1911, and for each year thereafter, one-fourth of one mill on each dollar of assessed valuation, not exceeding six million dollars; one-sixth of one mill on each dollar on all sums in excess of six million dollars and not exceeding twelve million dollars; and on all sums in excess of twelve million dollars, one-twentieth of one mill on each dollar; to be paid in the manner provided by the laws of this state relating to the payment of clerk hire allowed county auditors; *provided*, that in any such county where the public service would appear to demand it, the county board may grant an additional sum for clerk hire in the office of the county auditor, when such additional sum has been approved by the attorney general and the public examiner.”

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 19, 1911.