

or resolution authorizing such bonds shall require an affirmative vote of four-fifths of all members of the council and shall then be ratified by an affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting thereon at a regular city election or at a special election called for that purpose. The principal and interest represented by said bonds shall be a first lien upon the water or light plant, or local telephone exchange plant or system, or either, as the case may be, purchased, constructed or improved by the proceeds of said bonds.

Provided further, that the city council by a majority vote thereof may issue such bonds in place of, or to supply means for, paying maturing bonds which have been issued for either of said purposes, or to be consolidated or fund the same, and if any plant or plants acquired by the city by purchase have outstanding bonds which by their terms were not due at the time of such purchase and the city has assumed said bonds or has purchased said plant or plants subject thereto, the city council may at any time exchange the bonds of said city for such outstanding bonds of said plant or plants or any part thereof, the bonds so exchanged not to bear any greater rate of interest or to be greater in amount than the rate of interest of the amount of the par value of such outstanding bonds for which they are exchanged, and said bonds so issued for the purpose aforesaid, or either of them, shall not be deemed a part of the total indebtedness of said city, which said city is hereinbefore forbidden to make to exceed five per cent of the total value of the taxable property in such city, according to the last preceding assessment for the purposes of taxation.

Provided further, that the city council shall set aside annually such portion of the gross income from the water and light works, or either, of the city as they shall determine to create a sinking fund for the payment of said water and light bonds, or either, as they become due.

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CHAPTER 363—H. F. No. 456.

An Act limiting the power of School Districts situate wholly or in part within cities having a population of fifty thousand or more, to issue bonds and incur indebtedness.

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

Not to issue bonds or evidence of indebtedness without authority.—Section 1. No independent school district situate wholly or in part within any city having a population of more

than fifty thousand, and now empowered to issue bonds, either with or without the approval of the voters of such district, shall have power to issue any bonds or any evidence of indebtedness, unless first thereunto authorized by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body of the city within which such school district is situate in whole or in part.

Under certain conditions.—Sec. 2. No such school district shall have power to issue bonds or any evidence of indebtedness running more than two years, whenever the aggregate of the outstanding bonds and evidences of indebtedness of such district equals or exceeds three and one-half per cent of the assessed value of all the taxable property within such school district.

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CHAPTER 364—H. F. No. 466.

An Act to amend section one hundred forty-nine (149) of chapter eight (8) of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1895, providing for a Mayor's Contingent Fund.

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

Extent of mayor's contingent fund.—Section 1. That section one hundred forty-nine (149) of chapter eight (8) of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1895, be amended so that the same shall read as follows:

“Section 149. Mayor's contingent fund.—The city council of each city shall have the power to appropriate by resolution, passed by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of all the members elect of such council, such amount for the mayor's contingent fund as it may deem proper to advance the interest of the city; *provided*, however, that the sum so appropriated shall not exceed in any one year such sum as would be realized by the tax of one-fifteenth (1-15) of one per cent upon the assessed valuation of all the taxable property in such city, and that none of such funds shall be used for any charitable or religious purpose, nor for the use of any person, company or corporation outside of the State of Minnesota.

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