

CHAPTER 52—S. F. No. 237.

An Act to authorize the State Board of Investment to purchase with surplus revenues of the state, certificates of indebtedness forming a part of the school fund, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Purchase of certain certificates authorized.—Section 1. The state board of investment is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase with any surplus in the treasury of the state at any time, certificates of indebtedness issued in aid of construction or acquisition of public buildings or grounds, which certificates are held as part of the school fund of the state, and when so purchased said certificates shall be cancelled and destroyed in the manner provided by law.

\$500,000 appropriated.—Section 2. There is hereby appropriated for the purpose of purchasing such certificates of indebtedness the sum of \$500,000 or as much thereof as may be needed, the same to be paid out from time to time from any surplus in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated and not needed for state expenses.

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

Approved March 24, 1911.

CHAPTER 53—S. F. No. 275.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 22 of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1907, entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a public bath house and grounds and park in connection therewith, in cities having twenty thousand and not more than fifty thousand inhabitants."

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

Public bath house grounds and park authorized.—Section 1. That section 1 of chapter 22 of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1907, be and hereby is amended by striking therefrom the words "Or national," where the same appear in the fourth line of said section, so that the same, when so amended, shall read as follows:

Section 1. That any city in the State of Minnesota at any time having twenty thousand and not more than fifty thousand inhabitants according to the last official promulgated state cen-

sus, is hereby authorized and empowered to establish and maintain a public bath house and grounds and park in connection therewith and for that purpose to acquire by grant, gift, purchase, lease or otherwise, lands within or without the corporate limits of such city, including land on any island in any navigable river lying in close proximity to such city in this or adjoining state, and appropriate money therefor and for the maintenance thereof, whenever the common council of such city by a majority vote thereof, deems the same necessary or advisable."

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

Approved March 24, 1911.

CHAPTER 54—S. F. No. 305.

An Act authorizing the consolidating of public drainage ditch proceedings in certain cases.

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

Consolidation of public drainage ditch proceedings authorized—Procedure.—Section 1. Upon the presentation to a judge of the district court of the county in which are pending one or more of the ditch proceedings to be affected, a verified petition, signed by at least five persons whose lands will be affected, accompanied by a good and sufficient bond conditioned for the payment of all expenses in case such petition be denied, representing that there are pending two or more proceedings for the establishment of public drainage ditches under the general laws of this state; that if the several ditches petitioned for in said proceedings be constructed, one common outlet will be sufficient; that the cost of constructing such outlet should be borne by all of the lands to be benefited; and that in order to equitably apportion the cost of the construction of such outlet to all of the lands to be benefited it is necessary that such proceedings be merged and consolidated; and asking that an order be made merging and consolidating the same, the judge shall make an order fixing the time and place for the hearing upon such petition, and ordering that all proceedings then pending in any or all of such ditch proceedings be stayed until the hearing and determination of such petition, which petition, bond and order shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of such county, and which petition and order shall be served upon all persons and parties interested in such ditch proceedings by publication thereof once in each week for three successive weeks prior to the date of such hearing in a legal newspaper in each county in which said proposed ditches or any part thereof are situated, and if any of said proposed ditches are pending before the county