

Eighty-four (284) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1909 be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. The bonds authorized by Section 1 of this act may be issued and sold by any such city notwithstanding any limitation contained in the charter of such city or in 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 the bonds issued under this act and for the current interest thereon, and the city council or common 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 and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

No bonds shall be issued by any such city for the purpose herein above mentioned to run for a longer term than thirty years or bearing a higher rate of interest than 4 per cent, payable semiannually, but the place of payment of the principal and interest thereof and the denominations in which the same shall be issued shall be such as may be determined upon by the city council or common council and may be in the form of coupon bonds or registered certificates so-called. All such bonds shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the city comptroller of such city 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 at less than *ninety-five per cent* of their par value and accrued interest, and then only to the highest responsible bidder therefor."

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

Approved April 7, 1913.

CHAPTER 186—H. F. No. 1208.

An Act to authorize the Soldiers' Home Board to grant relief to certain persons from the Soldiers' Relief Fund.

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

Section 1. **Soldiers' Home Board authorized to extend relief to widow, deserted wife, or minor child.**—In addition to the persons to whom the Soldiers' Home Board is now authorized to extend relief outside the Minnesota Soldiers' Home from the Soldiers' Relief Fund, the Board is hereby authorized to extend relief, outside the Home, to the widow, deserted wife or any

minor child under fourteen years of age of any honorably discharged ex-soldier, ex-sailor, or ex-marine who served in the army or navy of the United States during the War of the Rebellion, provided any such widow or deserted wife is more than fifty-five (55) years of age and shall have married her soldier husband prior to the year of 1903; provided, further, that no such relief shall be granted under the provisions of this act to any person unless he or she shall have been a resident of the State of Minnesota for at least five (5) years next preceding his or her application for such relief. The granting of such relief and the extent and character thereof shall in all cases be in the discretion of the Board and subject to such terms as it may prescribe.

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CHAPTER 187 —S. F. No. 742.

An Act to amend Chapter Thirty-four (34) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1907, relating to the restoration of rights and citizenship to persons convicted of felony and sentenced to jail or to pay a fine, and who have paid such fine or served such sentence.

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

Section 1. Restoration to rights of citizenship on payment of fine.—That Section One (1) of Chapter thirty-four (34) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1907, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 1. All persons residing or having their domicile in the State of Minnesota, who have heretofore been convicted of a felony and sentenced by a court of this state to pay a fine or to be confined in a county jail, for such offense, and who have paid and satisfied such fine or served such sentence shall be restored to all their civil rights and to full citizenship, with full right to vote and hold office, the same as if such conviction and sentence had not taken place, in the manner hereinafter provided. Before such restoration to civil rights shall take effect, such person or persons shall apply to the district court where such person or persons may reside, and produce before *the court two witnesses* to testify to his or her *general good character*, and if said *court* shall be satisfied of such good character, an order *shall be issued* restoring such party to all civil rights, which order shall be filed with the clerk of said court; thereupon said restoration to civil rights shall take effect and be in full force.”

Sec. 2. Civil rights restored.—All persons who shall hereafter be convicted of a felony in any court of this state and sentenced to jail or to pay a fine therefor and who shall serve such