

buildings or to pay for the same without first submitting the question to the vote of the people as herein provided, and no such erection of buildings or payment therefor shall be made unless a majority of the electors voting upon such proposition at any election vote in favor thereof.

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

Approved April 19, 1913.

CHAPTER 393—S. F. No. 510.

An Act to amend Section 3354, Revised Laws of 1905, relating to the record title and lists of lands conveyed by the United States government to the state of Minnesota, in aid of certain railroads, and for completing the record title by registers of deeds.

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

Section 1. Lists of lands conveyed to railroads as grants to be certified by state auditor to various counties, on request, and recorded with register of deeds—*Prima facie* evidence.—That Section 3354 of the Revised Laws of 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 3354. Every railroad company to whom lands have been or shall be conveyed by the state to aid in the construction of its road shall prepare, at its own expense, separate lists of such lands lying within the several counties, according to the government surveys, which lists shall be compared by the auditor with the original lists in his office received from the interior department of the general government; and each list when corrected by him shall have appended thereto his certificate that the same is a correct and complete list of the lands in said county certified to the state and by it conveyed to such company. Such lists so certified shall be filed by the companies with the registers of deeds of the respective counties where such lands lie, who shall keep the same as public records, and they shall be *prima facie* evidence of the title of such companies; *provided, however, that in all cases where any railroad company has failed to comply with the provisions of this act the board of county commissioners of any county in this state is hereby authorized to direct the register of deeds of said county to transcribe directly from the original patents or approved lists from the United States government to the state of Minnesota and the record of deeds from the state of Minnesota to the railroad company receiving such lands. Such original patents and record of deeds being on file in the state auditor's office, the state auditor shall*

offer the needed conveniences to any register of deeds who desires to make a transcript as herein provided. The county board shall furnish the register of deeds with the necessary books and records. It shall be the duty of the state auditor to carefully compare such transcribed copies of patents, approved lists or deeds with the original instruments and records on file in his office, and when compared he shall so duly certify to each instrument. Such transcribed records duly certified by the state auditor when deposited with the register of deeds of any county shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein set forth and of the original instruments so recorded; and an official transcript therefrom shall be admissible as evidence in all the courts of the state. The state auditor shall receive no fees for his services. The register of deeds shall receive the same fees as allowed by law for recording original instruments in his office, which sum shall be paid by the county upon the approval of the board of county commissioners."

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

Approved April 19, 1913.

CHAPTER 394—S. F. No. 570.

An Act to authorize any city in the state of Minnesota now or hereafter having more than ten thousand and not more than twenty thousand inhabitants to issue and sell its bonds and use the proceeds thereof for the purpose of paying for local improvements now made, or hereafter to be made, for which no assessments against real estate have been or shall be levied to defray the cost of such improvements.

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

Section 1. **\$25,000 local improvement bonds authorized.**—Any city in this state now or hereafter having more than ten thousand and not more than twenty 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 or common council of such city, by ordinance duly enacted by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all members-elect of such city council or common council, to issue and sell not exceeding twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) dollars par value in and of the bonds of such city and use the proceeds thereof for the purpose of paying for local improvements now, or hereafter to be made, for which no assessments against real estate have been or shall be levied to defray the cost of such improvements.

Sec. 2. **Faith and credit of city pledged—Tax levy directed.**—The bonds authorized by Section one (1) of this act, or any por