

Section 1. Tax for current expenses of certain cities not to exceed 2 per cent of assessed value.—The city council or other governing body of any city in the State of Minnesota now or hereafter having more than ten thousand and not more than twenty thousand inhabitants, not operating under a home rule charter, in addition to the powers possessed by such city council or other governing body, is hereby authorized and empowered, acting by resolution duly adopted, to levy annually at the time other city taxes are levied such tax on all the taxable property in such city as it shall deem necessary, in addition to the other revenues of the city applicable thereto, to defray the current expenses of such city for the next fiscal year; but no such tax for current expenses shall in any one year exceed two per cent of the assessed value of all the taxable property in such city.

Sec. 2. Application.—This act shall not apply to cities now or hereafter governed under a charter framed pursuant to Section 36, Article 4, of the constitution of this state, and the several acts of the legislature authorizing cities to adopt their own charters.

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

Approved April 20, 1915.

CHAPTER 189—H. F. No. 260.

An Act entitled "An Act providing for the irrigation of certain lands by utilizing the water in public drains and ditches, and authorizing the construction of dams, dykes and other controlling or regulating works for such purposes."

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

Section 1. Dams and dikes authorized for irrigation purposes.—The owner of any land in this state which is suitable for the culture of wire grass, cranberries, rice or other crops requiring irrigation, may upon being licensed as hereinafter provided, construct upon the lands so owned, and across or upon that portion of any public ditch, drain or water course situated within the boundaries of said land, such dams, dykes or other regulating or controlling works, as may be necessary to secure the use of the water for irrigation. Provided that any dam so constructed shall contain properly constructed gates of sufficient size to carry off the flood water above high water mark within twenty-four hours.

Sec. 2. License to be secured from state drainage engineer.—Any owner desiring to avail himself of the provisions of this act, shall apply for license so to do, to the state drainage engineer of the State of Minnesota, who shall issue a license to the ap-

plicant for the same, under such rules and regulations and guarantees as said engineer may require.

Sec. 3. Bond to be required.—Before any license is granted, said licensee shall execute a bond to the State of Minnesota, for the use of all persons who may be injured by said construction, conditioned for the payment of all damages to persons or property by reason of the construction of said dams, dykes or the use of said water.

Sec. 4. To be under supervision of engineer.—All dams, dykes or other works or structures constructed or erected under the provisions of this act shall be under the supervision and direction of said engineer.

Sec. 5. Not to interfere with public ditches.—Nothing in this act shall be construed as authorizing any act interfering with the benefit and utility of any public ditch, drain or water course, nor to in any manner authorize the use of the water to the damage or injury of the land of any other person, and if at any time it appears that the structures herein authorized cannot be maintained without impairing the utility of a public drain or water course, nor without depriving other land owners of the benefit thereof, then and in that case such license shall, upon demand of the owner or owners of such other land, be immediately revoked.

Sec. 6. Violation a misdemeanor.—Any person violating any of the sections of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 7. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 20, 1915.

CHAPTER 190—H. F. No. 280.

An Act empowering village councils to license and regulate the keeping of public dance halls and the holding of public dances in any village.

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

Section 1. Council to license public dance halls.—That the village council of any village shall have power by ordinance to license and regulate the keeping of public dance halls and the holding of public dances therein, as the same now are or may hereafter be defined by law; provided that such village council may in its discretion permit any lodge or society, not organized or maintained for profit, to conduct public dances without being licensed as herein provided.

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