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CHAPTER 58—S. F. No. 643.

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. **Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) local improvements 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 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) 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. **To be issued notwithstanding the present indebtedness.**—The bonds authorized by Section one (1) of this act, or any portion thereof, 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 any 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.

Sec. 3. **Thirty years, at five (5) per cent, and how issued.**—No bonds shall be issued by any city for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned to run for a longer term than thirty years, or bear a higher rate of interest than five per cent per annum, 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 of such city, and may be in the form of coupon bonds, or registered certificates, so-called. All such bonds shall be signed by the mayor and attested by the city clerk, 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 their par value and accrued interest; and then only to the highest responsible bidder therefor.

Sec. 4. To be authorized by voters.—Bonds issued under or pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be so issued only when authorized by the voters of such city at a general or special election called for that purpose in the manner hereinafter provided, and authority to issue bonds hereunder shall be in addition to all other authority of any such city to issue bonds whether by statute, charter provision or otherwise.

Sec. 5. Manner of holding election.—All elections provided for in this act shall be called and conducted in the manner prescribed for municipal elections in such cities, except that in the case of special elections the judges and clerks of election shall only sit on the day of election and it shall not be necessary to make any new register of voters at or prior to any such special election, but the judges of such election in each election district shall take from the custodian thereof and use at such election the register of voters used in said district at the general election held therein next preceding said special election, and if any person shall offer to vote in any such district, whose name does not appear on such registration list, his name shall be entered thereon on the day of election upon his taking such oath and answering such questions and complying with such other provisions as shall be required by the then existing laws regulating registration of voters. After his name is so entered and before he receives the ballot, the following oath shall be administered to him. "You do solemnly swear that you are a citizen of the United States; that you are twenty-one years of age and have been a resident of this state for six months immediately preceding this election, and that you are a qualified voter in this district and that you have not voted at this election." Upon taking this oath, if the judges are satisfied that he is a qualified voter he shall be allowed to vote. If such person refuses to take said oath he shall not be allowed to vote and his name shall be removed from the register. The common council may provide by resolution that any number of clerks and judges of election less than the number required by law to act as such at general elections may act as such and conduct any special election under this act.

Sec. 6. Information to be contained in notices of election, and manner of procedure by council.—Notices of all elections held under this act shall contain a statement of the amounts and purposes for which such bonds are proposed to be issued, with the date of their maturity and the rate of interest they shall bear. All elections provided for in this act may be called by resolution of the common council, passed by a majority vote of all members thereof, which resolution shall distinctly state the purpose of the election and the question to be submitted to the vote of the people. The ballot to be voted at all elections under this act may read as follows: "In favor of the proposition of issuing bonds for the purpose ofto the extent of \$....., Yes....., No....."

Those voting for such proposition shall mark a cross (X) opposite the word "yes" and those against such proposition shall mark a cross (X) opposite the word "No" on said ballot in a space provided for that purpose. If a majority of votes cast at such election shall be in favor of issuing the kind and amount of bonds designated in the ballot, the city voting in favor thereof, through its proper officers without further act is authorized to issue such bonds to the amount voted and to issue and sell the same. The votes cast at such election shall be counted, returned and canvassed the same as at any other municipal election and the result certified to the clerk or recorder by the canvassing board. It shall be the duty of the common council to expend the moneys derived from the sale of said bonds in accordance with the directions of the voters as shown by said election. None of the proceeds of any of the bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be used, or any part thereof, for any purpose except such as is designated in the resolution and vote of the electors cast at any election authorizing the issuance of said bonds and any member of the common council or officer of said city who shall vote for or in any manner participate in the appropriation or expenditure of any of the proceeds of any of such bonds for any other purpose shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as by law provided.

Sec. 7. Not to be taken as a part of present indebtedness.—None of the bonds of any such city, issued pursuant to the terms and provisions of this act, shall be deemed or taken to be a part of the indebtedness of such city within the purview of any law limiting the amount of the indebtedness of any city, and the bonds provided for in this act may be issued without regard to the indebtedness of any such city.

Sec. 8. Application.—This act shall not be construed as in any manner superseding, repealing, amending or qualifying the provisions of any home rule charter heretofore adopted by any

city or village, under the laws of this state, and this act shall not in any manner apply to any such city or village.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 59—H. F. No. 909.

AN ACT relating to bills introduced in this and subsequent sessions to amend and repeal part or parts of General Statutes, 1913, by reference thereto in the title and in the body of such bills.

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

Section 1. Amendments to 1913 General Statutes validated.

—That all bills heretofore or hereafter introduced at this and subsequent sessions of the legislature purporting to amend or repeal any part or parts of the laws of this state by reference in the title and body of such bills to the General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, shall be taken and construed to mean, and shall have the same force and validity as if the said bills referred to the original enactment or enactments in the Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905, and the subsequent General Laws of Minnesota including those for the year 1905, and set forth in the General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913.

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CHAPTER 60—H. F. No. 992.

AN ACT to amend Sections one and two, Chapter thirty, General Laws of 1915, also known as House File four hundred ninety-four (494) being an act entitled: "An Act to appropriate \$747.50 to the Twin City Mission Furniture Company, \$318.50 to Levin Brothers, Incorporated, and \$22.50 to the Twentieth Century Brass Works."

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

Section 1. One thousand eighty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$1,088.50) appropriated for additional legislative desks and chairs.—That Section 1 of Chapter 30, General Laws 1915 be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. The sum of \$1,088.50 is hereby appropriated from any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to