

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

Section 1. **Legalizing action of consolidated school districts in Delhi, Redwood county.**—Whenever the school board of any consolidated school district in this state has heretofore adopted a resolution stating that in the opinion of such board it was expedient for the school district in question to issue to the state of Minnesota its bonds for the purpose of completing a new school building and specifying in such resolution the rate of interest, the number of such bonds, the amount of each and the dates of maturity thereof, and calling a meeting of the district to vote upon such question, such resolution being in conformity with the provisions of the constitution and the laws of the state in that regard, and where the notice of such meeting and the form of ballot used was not in conformity with the provisions of law, and at the school meeting the bonding proposition carried by the requisite majority, the action of such school meeting is hereby legalized and the state board of investment is authorized to take said bonds and loan state funds thereon.

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

Approved April 14, 1917.

CHAPTER 261—S. F. No. 1006.

An act providing for the Minnesota public safety commission, defining its powers and duties in event of war and otherwise, and appropriating money for carrying out the purposes thereof.

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

Section 1. **Creation of Minnesota commission of public safety.**—There is hereby created a commission consisting of seven (7) members, to be known as the Minnesota commission of public safety. The governor and attorney general shall be ex-officio members of such commission and the governor shall be chairman thereof, and the other members shall be citizens of the state and shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, if in session, and if not in session, the confirmation thereof to be as soon thereafter as the senate shall be convened, and such appointees shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor.

Sec. 2. **Organization.**—Such commission shall elect one of its members vice-chairman and he shall perform the duties of the chairman as such during the absence or inability of the chairman to act. Such commission shall have power to adopt by-laws for its government and the convenient transaction of its business, to change such by-laws from time to time and to pro-

vide for the discharge of the duties of such commission by subordinate officers, agents, sub-committees and otherwise, and to prescribe the duties of all such subordinate officers, agents, sub-committees and employes. All official acts of the commission shall require a majority vote of the entire commission.

Sec. 3. **Powers of commission—may acquire property—to co-operate with United States government—examination of persons—removal of officials other than constitutional officers.**—In the event of war existing between the United States and any foreign nation, such commission shall have power to do all acts and things non-inconsistent with the constitution or laws of the state of Minnesota or of the United States, which are necessary or proper for the public safety and for the protection of life and public property or private property of a character as in the judgment of the commission requires protection, and shall do and perform all acts and things necessary or proper so that the military, civil and industrial resources of the state may be most efficiently applied toward maintenance of the defense of the state and nation and toward the successful prosecution of such war, and to that end it shall have all necessary power not herein specifically enumerated and in addition thereto the following specific powers:

1. Said commission may purchase, lease, hire or otherwise acquire any and all property of every kind and nature in its judgment necessary or desirable for use for any of the purposes aforesaid.

2. It may seize, condemn and appropriate all such property for any of the uses aforesaid, and provide for determining the value of such property and of making proper payment therefor.

3. Said commission shall have power and it shall be the duty of said commission to co-operate with the military and other officers and agents of the United States government in all matters pertaining to the duties and functions of such commission and shall aid the government of the United States in the prosecution of any such war and in relation to public safety so far as possible.

4. Said commission may require any person to appear before it or before any agent or officer of such commission for examination and may examine any such person under oath as to any information within the knowledge of such person and to require such person to produce for inspection any writings or documents under his control, and to that end the district court of any county in the state shall issue a subpoena upon the request of any of its agents or officers, and all said agents and officers shall have power to administer oaths and take testimony and to procure the punishment for contempt of any person refusing to answer or produce writings or documents requested by such commission, by any such district court.

5. Said commission may inquire into the method of performance of his duty by any public official other than the constitutional officials of this state, and may advise the governor to remove any such official from office, if in the judgment of the commission the public interests demand such removal. Upon being advised to remove any such official by said commission, the governor is hereby authorized summarily to remove such public official.

Sec. 4. To provide for comfort of persons in military and naval service.—Said commission shall have power, in addition to the powers hereinbefore granted, to provide for the comfort of any persons in the military service of the United States or of the state of Minnesota who shall enlist in any such war or who, at the time of the commencement thereof, shall be residents of the state of Minnesota, and in addition thereto shall also have power to provide and pay for the support and maintenance of any person or persons dependent for support upon any soldier in the military service of the state of Minnesota, or of the United States, while such soldier is in such service, and shall have power to expend such sums as it may deem necessary for the relief of any such soldier or any person dependent upon him, and shall make proper rules and regulations concerning the same. Said commission shall also have power to provide for any comforts, clothing or other aid for any person in service of the United States government on the battleship Minnesota during the continuance of any such war.

Sec. 5. Fifty cents per day to be paid to enlisted members of Minnesota national guard.—Said commission shall pay to each enlisted member of the national guard of the state of Minnesota who honorably served in the Minnesota military organizations on the Mexican border service pursuant to the call of the president of the United States made June 18, 1916, in addition to the pay received by him from the federal government, the sum of fifty (50) cents per day for each day of such service of such enlisted man after being mustered into federal service, such payment to be made upon duly signed and receipted pay rolls to be prepared by the commander of the company, battery or detachment of which such men were members, blanks therefor to be furnished by the adjutant general; said pay rolls to be checked and approved by such adjutant general. Such payment to be made upon the state auditor's warrant drawn upon the state treasurer as soon as practicable after the muster out from the United States service of any member entitled to such pay.

Sec. 6. To pay Minnesota national guardsmen from time of mobilization until mustered into service of United States government.—Said commission is also authorized to pay all members

of the national guard of Minnesota for service from the time said guard was mobilized pursuant to the order of the United States government for service on the Mexican border until the time the members of such guard were actually mustered into the service of the United States upon pay rolls showing such service, properly certified to by the adjutant general of the state of Minnesota, and all sums so paid, which shall hereafter be refunded to the state of Minnesota by the United States government, shall, when received by the state treasurer, be credited to the appropriation herein provided for said commission and shall be used for any of the purposes provided for in this act.

Sec. 7. Other powers pertaining to enlistment, organization and maintenance of home guard.—Said commission is hereby authorized to do all acts and things necessary to provide for the enlistment, organization and maintenance of a home guard for service in the state of Minnesota, to consist of such numbers and units of organization and officers as may be prescribed by said commission, and said commission may secure proper arms and equipment for said guard from the United States government or otherwise, and shall have full power in all things to provide for the organization, equipment, subsistence and maintenance thereof, and said home guard may receive pay and allowances not in excess of that prescribed for the national guard or volunteers in federal service. All of the officers of said guard shall be appointed by the governor, who shall have the same powers in relation to said guard as now conferred upon him by the constitution and laws of the state in relation to the other military and naval forces thereof.

Sec. 8. Termination at conclusion of peace.—When peace shall be concluded between the United States and any and all foreign nations with which the United States is now or hereafter may be at war, the commission shall proceed, as soon as practicable, to close up all of its affairs and upon termination thereof shall make report to the governor of its acts and expenditures, and the powers and duties of such commission shall terminate and cease within three (3) months after the conclusion of peace and shall sooner terminate if the governor shall determine and proclaim that the exercise of the powers and duties of such commission are no longer necessary for public safety. The governor is also authorized to determine and to proclaim that it is necessary to continue such commission in existence for a longer term than three (3) months after peace and shall, in such case, fix the period of the termination of such commission by proclamation.

Sec. 9. \$1,000,000 appropriated.—There is hereby appropriated from any money not otherwise appropriated, the sum of

one million dollars. to be immediately available, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the same to be paid out on the order of said commission as provided in its by-laws.

Sec. 10. Unconstitutionality of one section not to affect other sections.—The provisions of this act are separable and not dependent, and if any provision, section, or part of either, is held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect any other part of this act.

Sec. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 16, 1917.

CHAPTER 262—S. F. No. 192.

An act to amend Section 9276 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913 so as to grant to persons sentenced to the state prison or reformatory prior to 1912 the same rights to parole and discharge as is conferred by law as to those convicted subsequent to that year.

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

Section 1. Persons sentenced to state prison or reformatory prior to 1912 to have same right of parole and discharge as those sent since that year.—That section 9276, General Statutes for 1913, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 9276. All persons convicted and sentenced to imprisonment in the state prison or in the reformatory prior to the year 1912 shall have the same right of parole and discharge as those convicted since that year, and all the powers, duties and functions conferred by law upon and exercised by the board of parole with reference to the custody and control of any person convicted of a crime committed subsequent to April 20, 1911, and paroled under the provisions of chapter 298, Laws 1911, and the acts amendatory thereof, shall extend to and be applicable to any such person when paroled.

Approved April 17, 1917.

CHAPTER 263—S. F. No. 288.

An act to provide for an additional judge of the municipal court for the city of Minneapolis, Hennepin county, and providing for such judge to act as a court of conciliation and small debtors court.

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

Section 1. Additional municipal judge for Minneapolis to be termed conciliation judge.—A judge of the municipal court for