

county, which is a member of the State Agricultural Society, or to any farm improvement association organized by the citizens of two or more counties jointly for the purpose of advancing the agricultural interest of each of such counties, a sum of money not exceeding five hundred dollars, annually, provided, that in any county in which two county agricultural societies are members of the State Agricultural Society any appropriation so made shall be divided equally between them.

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

Approved April 17, 1917.

CHAPTER 348—S. F. No. 716.

An act making it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to pay employes, salary or wages earned by any instrument other than one negotiable.

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

Section 1. **Payment of salary or wages earned by non-negotiable instruments unlawful and penalty for same.**—It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation other than public service corporations to issue to any employee in lieu of or in payment of any salary or wages earned by such employee, a non-negotiable time check or order. Any person, firm or corporation so issuing a non-negotiable instrument in lieu of or in payment of such salary or wages earned, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

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CHAPTER 349—S. F. No. 783.

An act to authorize any city in this state of over 50,000 inhabitants to issue and sell its bonds for the purpose of constructing bridges across navigable streams running through such city.

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

Section 1. **Minneapolis authorized to issue \$100,000 bridge bonds.**—Any city in this state now or hereafter having over 50,000 inhabitants and not governed under a charter adopted pursuant to section 36, article 4, of the State Constitution, may, by resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members elect of its city council, issue and sell bonds of such city to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars in par value, for the purpose of constructing con-

crete bridges over and across any navigable stream running through such city, and to the amount of two hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of repairing, renewing or strengthening steel bridges over and across any navigable stream running through such city. Provided, however, that no part of such amount shall be expended for the repairing, renewing or strengthening of steel bridges unless one-half the cost thereof shall be paid by any street railway which may then or thereafter use the same. The exact location of such bridges shall be fixed by the city council of the city, and the bonds provided for in this act may be issued and sold notwithstanding any charter provision of such city or any laws of this state limiting the amount of indebtedness of any such city.

Sec. 2. To run 30 years at 4 per cent and form of issue.—No bonds shall be issued by any such city for the purposes above mentioned to run for a longer time than thirty years, nor bearing a rate of interest greater than four (4) per cent per annum, but the place of payment of the principal and interest thereon and the denominations in which the same shall be issued shall be such as may be determined upon by the city council and such bonds 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 countersigned by the comptroller of such city, and shall be sealed with the seal of the city, except that the signatures on the coupons attached to such bonds, if any, may be lithographed thereon. Said bonds shall not be sold for less than ninety-five (95) per cent of their par value and accrued interest thereon and shall be sold to the highest responsible bidder therefor, upon at least two weeks published notice of the sale of such bonds. The full faith and credit of such city shall be pledged at all times for the payment of all bonds issued under this act and the interest thereon, and such city shall each year levy sufficient taxes to pay the annual interest on such bonds and provide a sinking fund sufficient for the redemption of said bonds at maturity.

Sec. 3. Application.—This act shall not apply to any city operating under a home rule charter framed pursuant to section 36, article 4, of the State Constitution.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1917.