

CHAPTER 395—H. F. No. 1144.

An act to amend Sections 5443 and 5447, General Statutes 1913, relative to maintaining water levels of navigable or meandered lakes.

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

Section 1. Revision and confirmation of assessments to maintain water levels and spreading of assessments.—That section 5443, General Statutes, 1913, be amended as follows:

Section 5443. The court may revise, correct, amend or confirm such assessment, in whole or in part, or it may order a new assessment, in whole or in part, and, upon like notice, revise, correct, amend, or confirm the same. A copy of the assessment as finally determined, or of so much thereof as relates to assessed lands lying in the several counties, shall be filed with the auditor of each such county; and such assessment shall be a lien upon the tract to which it relates. *Such assessment may be distributed over a term of years not exceeding ten, and shall be extended and collected along with the taxes levied thereon.*

Sec. 2. Council given right to acquire title to navigable lakes and authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness or bonds to pay for same.—That section 5447, General Statutes, 1913, be amended as follows:

Section 5447. The council of every city and village within which the whole, or any part of any navigable or meandered lake is situated, or the council of any city or village which is a riparian owner on any such lake adjoining such village or city, shall have all the powers in respect to establishing and maintaining the waters thereof at a uniform level that are conferred by this chapter upon county boards, and all the provisions of this chapter regulating the exercise of such powers shall be applicable in such cases. *The council of any village or city may, for the purpose of this act, acquire title to any navigable lake which is not meandered. Such village or city is authorized to issue its certificate of indebtedness or bonds at a rate not to exceed 6 per cent per annum, to mature at a date corresponding with the date of payment of assessments upon benefited property, as provided by section 5443 of this chapter.* Provided, however, that this act shall not apply to cities or municipalities incorporated under a home rule charter.

Approved April 20, 1917.