

statement of the reporter therefor duly approved by the presiding judge; whereupon the auditor shall issue his warrant in payment thereof.

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

Approved March 5, 1917.

CHAPTER 52—S. F. No. 438.

An act authorizing county boards to issue bridge bonds in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **Issuance of bridge bonds authorized without submission to voters.**—Whenever the county board of any county in this state shall deem it advisable to construct, repair or renew any bridge or bridges over waters within the county or bordering thereon and such county has no outstanding road and bridge bonds issued as such, and such board has been previously petitioned by twenty-five or more voters of the county who are also free holders, to take such action, such county board may cause the bridge bonds of said county to be issued and sold in an amount not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within said county, without submitting the matter to a vote of the electors of said county. Such bonds shall be signed by the chairman of such board and countersigned by the county auditor and shall be payable not more than twenty years from their date, and shall bear interest evidenced by coupons which shall not exceed six per cent per annum payable semi-annually, and shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest. Bonds issued to defray the expense of state rural highways shall not be considered road and bridge bonds within the meaning of this act.

Sec. 2. **Not to limit existing laws.**—This act shall not be construed as any limitation upon the power of any county or county board under any existing law.

Approved March 5, 1917.

CHAPTER 53—S. F. No. 137.

An act to amend Section 4335 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, prohibiting the granting to or use by any person of any free pass, frank or special privilege withheld from any other person, and to fix a penalty for the violation thereof.

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

Section 1. **Railroads permitted to issue passes to certain**

classes, including widows or dependent children of employees killed or dying while in the service.—That Section 4335 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1913, be, and the same is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4335. From and after Jan. 1st, 1908, it shall be unlawful for any person, association, co-partnership, or corporation, or any representative thereof, to offer, give, or in any manner furnish to any person, either for himself or another, any free pass or frank, or any special privilege or reduction in rate withheld from any other person for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property, or the transmission of any message or communication except to persons included within the classes hereinafter designated and limited, and it shall also be unlawful for any person or persons not included within the classes hereinafter excepted or limited to solicit or receive, either for himself or another, from any person, association, co-partnership or corporation, or use in any manner or for any purpose any free pass or frank or special privilege withheld from any person for the traveling accommodation or transportation of any person or property or the transmission of any message or communication; provided, however, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed to prohibit or to make unlawful the issuing or giving of any such free ticket, free pass or free transportation to any person or persons within the classes hereinafter excepted or limited or the acceptance or use of the same by persons within such classes, that is to say, officers, bona fide agents, surgeons, physicians, attorneys and employes of such railroad or other companies or persons affected by this act and dependent members of their families, the duly elected representatives of railroad labor organizations, children under 12 years of age, ministers of religion, secretaries of Young Men's Christian Associations, persons exclusively engaged in charitable and eleemosynary work, indigent, destitute and homeless persons, and such persons when transported by charitable societies or hospitals or by public charity, and necessary agents employed in such transportation, inmates of national homes or state homes for disabled volunteer soldiers, inmates of soldiers' and sailors' homes, including those entering and returning from such homes, and boards of managers of such homes, postoffice inspectors, custom inspectors and immigration inspectors; witnesses of said railroad companies attending any legal investigation in which said company is interested; officials and linemen of telegraph and telephone companies; ex-employes retired from service on account of age or because of disability sustained while in the service of said railroad company, and the dependent members of their families, or the widows or dependent children of employes killed or dying while in the service of such railroad com-

pany; necessary care-takers of live stock, poultry, vegetables and fruit, including transportation to and from the point of delivery, employes on sleeping and express cars, railway mail service employes, newsboys on trains, baggage agents and persons injured in wrecks and physicians and nurses attending them; providing that one trip pass for a discharged employe and his family may be issued for use within 30 days of such discharge.

Provided further that the provisions of this act shall not be construed to prohibit and make unlawful the interchange of passes, and express and other franks for the officers, bona fide agents, surgeons, physicians, attorneys and employes and the dependent members of their families, of any person or company affected by this act from doing any of the things prohibited hereby free, with the object of providing relief in cases of general epidemic, pestilence or calamitous visitation.

Provided further, that the provisions of this act shall not be construed to prohibit or make unlawful the interchange of passenger transportation and message service between such railroad companies and telegraph companies and provided further that the provisions of this act shall not be construed to prohibit or make unlawful the interchange between railroad, express, telegraph and telephone companies of the transportation of persons and property, and the transmission of messages.

Provided further, that no free transportation shall be issued or given to any person when such person is a member of, employed by or in any way-connected with any political committee or a candidate for or incumbent of any office or position under the constitution and laws of this state except as herein provided, and except that any railroad company may issue free passes to its employes while occupying office or position other than judicial under a municipality or public school district, or while acting under appointment as a notary public in this state.

Approved March 6, 1917.

CHAPTER 54—S. F. No. 406.

An act legalizing bonds heretofore issued or to be issued by any independent school district for the purpose of paying for expenses incurred in, and outstanding orders issued in connection with erecting a grade or high school building, installing therein heating, ventilating or plumbing plants, and equipping or furnishing the same under the provisions of Chapter 272 of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1905, and acts amendatory thereof.

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

Section 1. Bonds issued for heating, ventilating and plumbing plants in a certain independent school district legalized.—