

the purpose aforesaid, and pending the said levy and said collection of said taxes, the said commission is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and to sell certificates of indebtedness, as funds are needed for the purpose, to be known as "Fire Relief Certificates" at not less than par, bearing interest from and after the issuance and sale thereof at not to exceed the rate of four and one-half per cent per annum, payable annually, the same to mature not more than six years from the date thereof, in such form and on such terms and conditions, other than those hereinbefore specified, as said commission may determine, in an aggregate amount not exceeding the sum of one million eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$1,850,000.00). All expenditures of the commission shall be paid by vouchers issued by it and signed by its chairman and countersigned by the secretary, which voucher shall be audited in the usual way by the state auditor and paid by his warrant on the state treasurer out of the fund hereby created.

Sec. 8. **Public examiner to audit all accounts.**—The said commission shall keep accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and the public examiner of the state is hereby directed to audit such accounts not later than three months after the completion of the work of such commission and file a report with the governor of the state.

Sec. 9. **Detailed report to be made to governor.**—The commission shall, within three months after the completion of its work under the provisions of this act, prepare a detailed report of the doings thereof and file the same with the governor of the state.

Sec. 10. **Report to be submitted to 1921 legislature.**—The reports referred to in sections 8 and 9 hereof shall be submitted to the legislature at its session to be paid(?) in 1921.

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

Approved February 8, 1919.

CHAPTER 13—H. F. No. 142.

An act to amend chapter 217, General Laws of 1917, being an act to prescribe the bounds of senatorial and representative districts and to apportion anew the senators and representatives among the several districts.

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

Section 1. **Pine and Chisago county, each to elect one representative.**—That section 2 of chapter 217, General Laws of 1917, be, and the same are hereby amended, where it relates to the 56th Senatorial District, so as to read as follows :

Fifty-sixth District.

The fifty-sixth (56) district shall be composed of the counties of Pine and Chisago and shall be entitled to elect one senator and two representatives.

The representative districts shall be divided as follows:

The county of Pine shall constitute one district and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

The county of Chisago shall constitute one district and shall be entitled to elect one representative.

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

Approved February 17, 1919.

CHAPTER 14—H. F. No. 151.

An act entitled "An act to amend Chapter 499, Laws of Minnesota 1917, relating to regulation of employment and removals in public departments and upon public works in the State of Minnesota, and the counties, cities and towns thereof, relating to State, Judicial, County, Township, City and Town Officers."

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

Section 1. Preference of soldiers in European war, to be given in all public places; right of mandamus authorized.—That in every public department and upon all public works in the state of Minnesota and the counties, cities, and towns thereof honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines from the army and navy of the United States in the late Civil and Spanish-American and Philippine Insurrection Wars and the China relief expedition, and the late world war wherein the United States of America and the Allied Nations, of England, France, etc., were engaged in war against the Imperial German Government and its Allies, who are citizens and residents of this state, shall be entitled to preference in appointments, employment and promotion over other applicants therefor, and the persons thus preferred shall not be disqualified from holding any position hereinbefore mentioned on account of his age or by reason of any physical disability, provided such age or disability does not render him incompetent to perform properly the duties of the position applied for and when such soldier, sailor or marine shall apply for appointment or employment under this act, the officer, board or person whose duty it is or may be to appoint or employ such person to fill such position or place, shall before appointing or employing anyone to fill such position or place, make an investigation as to the qualifications of said soldier, sailor or marine for such place or position, and if he is a man of good moral character, and can perform the duties of said position applied for by him, as hereinbefore provided, said