

In all counties in this state now or hereafter having a population of 300,000 or more inhabitants where the maximum rate of taxation for county purposes is fixed by a board of tax levy, or other corresponding body, the annual estimate of the county board for the road and bridge fund of such county as filed with such board of tax levy, or other corresponding body, to an amount not exceeding two mills on the dollar of the taxable valuation of such county, shall be allowed in full, for the years 1919 and 1920 and shall be included in the tax levy and shall not for any reason be reduced, altered or amended.

Sec. 2. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts or parts of acts whether general or special, inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 2, 1919.

CHAPTER 146—S. F. No. 246.

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 273 of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for 1917, relating to the levying of a half mill tax for the purpose of providing musical entertainment in public buildings or upon public grounds in incorporated villages.

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

Section 1. $\frac{1}{2}$ mill tax levy authorized for providing musical entertainment.—That the village council of any village in this state is hereby authorized to annually levy a tax of not to exceed one-half mill against the taxable property in such village for the purpose of providing musical entertainment to the public in public buildings or on public grounds; provided, however, that in any such village the total sum that may be levied or expended in any one year shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

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

Approved April 2, 1919.

CHAPTER 147—S. F. No. 286.

An act providing for the appointment of court reporters in the Thirteenth and Seventeenth Judicial Districts of this state defining the duties and fixing the compensation of such reporters.

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

Section 1. Appointment of court reporters in 13th and 17th judicial districts.—In the thirteenth and seventeenth judicial districts of the state of Minnesota the judge in each district may appoint a competent stenographer as reporter of the court in his dis-

riect, to hold office and qualify in the same manner, perform the same duties and receive the same transcript fees as other court reporters under existing laws applicable to judicial districts which do not contain a city of the first class, and the judge of each of said districts shall fix the salary of the reporter appointed therein at a sum not to exceed two thousand dollars per year and necessary railway, traveling and hotel expenses while absent from his place of residence in the discharge of his official duties, by an order made and filed in the first instance with the respective county auditors of the district so affected within thirty days after the approval of this act, and by subsequent orders made and filed with said county auditors annually on or before the first Monday in January, and all such orders shall apportion the salary of said reporter among the several counties of his district and require the payment thereof in the same manner as is provided by section. 119 of the Revised Laws of the state of Minnesota for the year 1905 as amended by chapter 168, General Laws of 1909. The expenses of each such reporter shall be paid by the county for which the same were incurred upon presentation of a verified statement of the reporter therefor duly approved by the presiding judge of the district; 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 31, 1919.

CHAPTER 148—S. F. No. 315.

An act relating to powers of cities of the first class not organized under Section 36, Article 4 of the Constitution, and of library boards of such cities respecting libraries and art, science and similar collections, and the acceptance of gifts thereof, and of sites of buildings therefor on conditions specified by the donor, and authorizing the issue of bonds for the housing of such libraries and collections. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minneapolis library board authorized to accept certain gifts.—The library board of any city of the first class not organized under sec. 36, article 4 of the constitution, in addition to all the powers heretofore granted, is hereby empowered to accept gifts of land, money, books, works of art, potteries, glass, stones, jewels, antiquities, objects of natural history, objects showing the progress of art, science or invention, and any other similar objects useful for exhibition or instruction, upon such terms and agreements and conditions as to said board may seem best.

Sec. 2. Previous gifts of land, etc., ratified and confirmed.—Every deed and instrument of conveyance or gift of land or other property hereinbefore described heretofore made is hereby rati-