

CHAPTER 197—S. F. No. 88.

An act authorizing village councils to acquire land for park purposes, and to appropriate money therefor and for the maintenance thereof.

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

Section 1. Villages given right to acquire land for park purposes.—The village council of any village in the state may by resolution or ordinance acquire, by gift or purchase for or in the name of the village, a tract of land, either within or without the corporate limits of the village, for park purposes and may appropriate money from the general revenue fund of the village for the purpose of purchasing such tract of land, not exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars; provided, that no tract of land so acquired by purchase or condemnation shall exceed forty acres in area.

Sec. 2. Use of revenue fund for improving same.—Any village council, acquiring a tract of land pursuant to section 1 of this act, may thereupon and thereafter, appropriate from the general revenue fund of the village sums of money for the purpose of inclosing, improving, ornamenting, maintaining and keeping in repair the land so acquired for park purposes, not exceeding the sum of two thousand dollars in any one year.

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

Approved April 8, 1919.

CHAPTER 198—S. F. No. 491.

An act authorizing county boards in all counties having not less than fifty-five nor more than fifty-seven congressional townships, whole or fractional, and having an assessed valuation of not less than five million nor more than ten million dollars, to construct roads on township or range lines, and to levy taxes therefor.

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

Section 1. Roads on sectional lines authorized in certain counties and tax levy for same.—That in all counties having not less than fifty-five nor more than fifty-seven congressional townships, whole or fractional, and having an assessed valuation of not less than five million nor more than ten million dollars, county boards may cause roads to be constructed on section lines dividing separate organized townships or villages, and may levy a tax for such purpose of not more than five mills in any one year on the taxable property of such adjoining townships and villages.

Sec. 2. Separate account of fund from levy.—A separate account of the funds derived from such levy shall be kept by the

auditor and treasurer, and payments therefrom shall be made by warrants issued by the county auditor upon and by order of the county board.

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

Approved April 8, 1919.

CHAPTER 199—S. F. No. 564.

An act amending section 5224, General Statutes 1913, relating to sales of state land and land sales manager.

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

Section 1. **By whom state lands may be sold.**—That section 5224, General Statutes 1913, relating to sales of state lands and the manager of land sales department be amended to read as follows:

5224. All sales made pursuant to this act shall be conducted by the state auditor in person, his deputy, or by a competent person employed by the state auditor and bonded in a sum of not less than \$10,000.

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

Approved April 8, 1919.

CHAPTER 200—S. F. No. 690.

An act to amend sections 2 and 3 of chapter 259 of the Laws of 1917, being subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 59 of chapter 235 of the Laws of 1913, relating to public highways and powers and duties of counties, towns, villages and cities relative thereto.

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

Section 1. **Ditching authorized in construction of public road.**—That subdivision 2 of section 59 of chapter 235 of the laws of 1913 as amended by section 2 of chapter 259 of the laws of 1917 be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Subdivision (1). Whenever the town overseer of roads shall file with the town board his affidavit, or if two resident freeholders of the town file their affidavit stating that a road to be constructed or any road already constructed, passing through or into said town runs into or through a swamp, bog, or other low land, and that it is necessary or expedient that a ditch should be opened through private lands, the probable length, width and depth of such ditch, the termini and general course of the same, a description of the land over which said ditch will pass, the names of the owners thereof, if known, and that such road through such low ground cannot, without extraordinary expense, be made passable unless