

CHAPTER 217—S. F. No. 1034.

An act authorizing the county board of any county in this state, now or hereafter having an assessed valuation of over \$300,000,000 exclusive of moneys and credits and having at any time an area of over 5,000 square miles, to erect and maintain an automobile storage garage and repair shop on the court house grounds and to pay the cost thereof out of the general fund of said county.

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

Section 1. St. Louis county board authorized to erect garage on court house grounds.—That the county board of any county in this state, now or hereafter having an assessed valuation of over three hundred million (\$300,000,000) dollars exclusive of moneys and credits and having at any time an area of over five thousand (5,000) square miles, is hereby authorized, whenever it shall determine it to be necessary and for the best interests of said county, to erect and maintain on the court house grounds at the county seat, an automobile storage garage and repair shop with such equipment therein as may be found necessary by said county board, for the purpose of storing therein automobiles, trucks and other equipment owned and used by said county in road work and for other purposes; and to pay the cost of erecting and equipping said building out of the general fund of said county in the same manner as other general expenses of such county are paid.

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

Approved April 10, 1919.

CHAPTER 218—S. F. No. 218.

An act amending Section 1 of Chapter 194, General Laws for 1915, authorizing and empowering any special, independent or common school district in the state of Minnesota, to provide for, establish, conduct and maintain schools for deaf children, blind children, defective speech children and mentally subnormal children in such school districts in certain cases and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. Schools for deaf for children in connection with independent or common school districts and state appropriation per pupil.—That section 1 of chapter 194, General Laws for 1915 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Upon application of any special, independent or common school district, complying with the provisions of this act, made to the state superintendent of education, he may grant permission to such district to establish and maintain within its limits one or more schools for the instruction of deaf children who are residents of the state.

Any school district which shall maintain one or more such schools, shall through its clerk or secretary report to the state superintendent of education annually, or oftener if he so direct, such facts relative to such school or schools as he may require.

The courses and methods of instruction must comply with such requirements as may be outlined by the state superintendent of education. All schools for deaf children established under this act shall be conducted by the combined system which includes the oral, the aural, the manual and every method known to this profession; and the courses and methods of instruction shall be substantially equal or equivalent in efficiency to the course and methods of instruction established and employed in the state school of the deaf at Faribault, Minnesota. The state superintendent of education may designate any member of his staff as an inspector to visit and note the progress of the schools provided for in this act.

Permission to establish such special classes may be granted to districts which have an actual attendance of not less than five deaf children, *over* four and not exceeding sixteen years of *age* who may come under the provisions of this act. Blind children, defective speech children and mentally subnormal children are not to be admitted to the same class with deaf children but must each have separate classes and separate teachers.

There shall be paid out of the current school fund in the state treasury annually in the month of July, to the treasurer of the school district board, or of the board of education, in the school district maintaining such school or schools under the charge of one or more teachers, whose appointment and qualifications shall be approved by the state superintendent of education, the sum of one hundred and fifty (150) dollars for each deaf child instructed in such school or schools having an annual session of at least nine months during the year preceding the first day of July.

It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the school district or of the board of education receiving the aid provided for in this section, to render annually to the state superintendent of education an itemized statement of all expenditures of said school or schools. Any surplus at the end of the year shall be reserved as a special fund for the education of the deaf children of that district and can be used for no other purpose.

Approved April 11, 1919.