

CHAPTER 264—H. F. No. 860.

An act to amend Section 3 of Chapter 119, Laws 1917, which section relates to the salary and expenses of the commissioner of highways, the deputy commissioner of highways, the several assistant engineers, the clerical and technical assistants of the highway department and the expense of maintaining the offices of the highway department.

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

Section 1. Manner of payment of deputy highway commissioner, assistants, clerks and expenses of same.—That section 3 of chapter 119, Laws 1917, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 3. The expense of the highway department, including the salary of the commissioner of highways and of the deputy commissioner of highways, the salary of the several assistant engineers, the necessary clerical and technical assistants and employes, their necessary expenses and the expense of maintaining the office of said highway department shall be paid by the state treasurer from the moneys apportioned therefor from the state road and bridge fund upon vouchers approved by the commissioner of highways, after the same have been duly audited by the state auditor; provided, however, that the amount which may be so expended in any one year shall not exceed ten per cent of the total state road and bridge fund available for such year and so much of said state road and bridge fund as is necessary for said purpose, not exceeding said limitations, is hereby annually appropriated from said state road and bridge fund for said purpose; provided, furthermore, that the expense of maintaining the office of said highway department, including the salary of the commissioner of highways and that of the deputy commissioner of highways and the necessary clerical and technical assistants and employes employed in such office, but exclusive of the salaries and necessary expenses of the assistant engineers employed by the commission outside of said office, shall in no year exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00).

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

Approved April 15, 1919.

CHAPTER 265—H. F. No. 862.

An act authorizing the issue and sale of county bonds for the purpose of permanently improving certain state roads.

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

Section 1. Bond issue authorized by every county for constructing or improving state roads, conditions.—The county board of any county in this state is hereby authorized to issue

and sell from time to time the bonds of said county to such an amount as in the board's judgment may be necessary for the purpose of paying the expense incurred or to be incurred in permanently improving a state road, or state roads, within such county, but the aggregate net indebtedness of any county, inclusive of the bonds issued hereunder, shall not at any time exceed fifteen (15) per cent of the assessed valuation of the county's taxable real property.

Provided, that no bonds shall be issued without the previous approval thereof by the voters of the county, except upon a four-fifths ($4/5$) vote of the county board when the amount of said bonds does not exceed one hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$125,000) dollars; and upon the unanimous vote of the county board when the amount of said bonds exceeds one hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$125,000) dollars and does not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars; and provided, further, that no bonds in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars shall be issued by any county board unless the question of issuing such bonds, and the amount of the bonds to be issued shall be first submitted to the voters of the county and approved by a majority voting upon the question. The method of submission of said question shall be that provided by section 1854, General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913; any bonds issued hereunder shall be sold conformably to the provisions of section 1856, General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913. The words "state road" as used herein means a state road as defined by chapter 235, section 1, Laws of 1913, or any part or section of such road within said county, and for which the commissioner of highways shall apportion federal aid under the provisions of the act of congress approved July 11, 1916, being an act entitled "An act to provide that the United States shall aid the state in the construction of rural post roads and for other purposes," and the acts of congress amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. "Permanently improve" as used herein includes any work approved by the commissioner of highways, as hereinafter specified, which is essential or preparatory to the pavement of such road, with a proper, durable, hard surfaced type of pavement.

Before any bonds shall be issued under the provisions hereof the route and termini of the road, or roads, proposed to be permanently improved, and plans and specifications for their permanent improvement shall be first approved by the commissioner of highways. Such approval and that the road is one for the permanent improvement of which bonds may be issued hereunder, shall be conclusively evidenced by a certificate to that effect signed by the commissioner of highways in which the proposed road, or roads, shall be designated by appropriate description or reference.

Sec. 2. Form and denominations and signatures to be affixed.—Said bonds shall be in such form and denominations, shall bear such rate of interest, not exceeding six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall become due and payable at such time or times, not more than ten years from their date, all as the county board shall determine. Said bonds may contain an option authorizing the county board to redeem the same on any interest date. Said bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the county board and countersigned by the county auditor, and shall be sold for not less than par and accrued interest. The proceeds of such bonds shall be used in accordance with the provisions of the applicable statutes for the purpose for which they are issued and for such purpose only.

Sec. 3. In addition to existing powers.—The powers by this act conferred are additional to all other powers conferred by law, but no bonds shall be issued hereunder, unless authorized by resolution of the county board adopted prior to January 1, 1921.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 15, 1919.

CHAPTER 266—H. F. No. 941.

An act to authorize the recording of certificates of discharge from the United States army, navy and marine corps.

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

Section 1. Filing of certificates of discharge from U. S. service with register of deeds.—Certificates of discharge from the United States army, the United States navy and the United States marine corps may be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of any county in this state, by the person to whom such discharge was issued, upon payment of a fee of twenty-five cents to the register of deeds for recording the same.

Sec. 2. Record to be prima facie evidence.—The record of such a certificate or a duly certified copy thereof shall be prima facie evidence of all the facts therein stated and shall be received as evidence of such facts in all courts of this state.

Sec. 3. Register of deeds authorized to procure record books.—Registers of deeds of the several counties are hereby authorized and empowered to procure at the expense of their county, proper record books for recording such certificates of discharge, with sufficient indexes thereto.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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