

section 88 of chapter 235, Laws 1913, as amended by section 28, chapter 119, Laws 1917, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

It shall be the duty of the county to reconstruct, repair and maintain all bridges on county roads, more than fifty feet in length. In case any bridge on a county road more than fifty feet in length is totally wrecked or destroyed and the county charged with the duty of reconstructing, repairing and maintaining such bridge has not sufficient money in its road and bridge fund to defray the cost and expense of reconstructing, repairing and maintaining such bridge the county board may borrow money therefor by the issuance of certificates of indebtedness, which certificates shall be payable in not more than five years from the date thereof and shall bear interest at not to exceed six per cent. per annum. Such certificates shall be sold to the highest bidder. The same shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest, if any, and the principal and interest thereof shall be paid from the road and bridge fund.

Whenever it shall become necessary to reconstruct or repair a bridge on any town road, or a bridge not more than fifty feet in length on any county road, in any town or towns or upon any town line in this state and such bridge is unsafe for travel, or has been condemned by the proper authorities and the town or towns charged with the duty of maintaining such bridge fails, neglects or omits to construct, reconstruct or repair the same, or provide for the expense or cost of so constructing, reconstructing or repairing the same, the county board of any such county in which said town is located shall have the power and authority to reconstruct and repair any such bridge upon giving notice to the town board of said town or towns of their intention to do so and fixing the time and place for a hearing as to the necessity and advisability of such reconstruction or repair.

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

Approved April 17, 1919.

CHAPTER 274—S. F. No. 316.

An act authorizing cities of Minnesota of over 50,000 inhabitants to issue and sell municipal bonds for certain public purposes.

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

Section 1. \$260,000 bond issue authorized for Minneapolis.—Every city of this state now or hereafter having over fifty thousand inhabitants and not governed by a charter adopted pursuant to section 36, article 4, of the state constitution in addition to all other powers now possessed by the city, is hereby authorized and empowered, by resolution duly passed by the affirmative vote of not

less than two-thirds of all members of the city council or common council of the city, to issue and sell municipal bonds of the city to the amount of \$175,000.00 in par value, for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing, reconstructing, replacing and repairing hospital buildings of the city, including the furnishing and equipment of the same; and additional bonds to the amount of \$50,000.00 in par value, for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing, reconstructing, replacing and equipment of municipal lodging house building or buildings of such city; and additional bonds to the amount of \$35,000 in par value for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing and equipping a heating and lighting plant for the city work house and city hospital buildings of such city.

Sec. 2. To be issued notwithstanding present indebtedness, tax levy.—The bonds hereby authorized or any part thereof may be issued and sold by any such city notwithstanding any limitations contained in the charter of such city, or any law of this state prescribing or fixing any limit upon the bonded indebtedness of such city, but the full faith and credit of such city shall at all times be pledged for the payment of any such bonds issued hereunder and for the payment of the current interest thereon, and the city council or common council of such city shall each year include in the tax levy of such city a sufficient amount to provide for the payment of such interest as it accrues and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

Sec. 3. Form of bonds and signatures to be affixed.—No bonds shall be issued by any such city under this act for the purposes hereinbefore named to run for a longer period than thirty years, or bear a higher rate of interest than five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, but the place of the payment of the principal and interest thereon and the denominations in which the same shall be issued shall be such as shall be determined by the city council or common council. All such bonds shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the city comptroller and attested by the city clerk of such city and shall be sealed with the seal of such city, except that the signatures to the coupons attached thereto, if any, may be lithographed thereon, and none of such bonds shall be sold for less than 95 per cent of their par value and accrued interest and then only to the highest responsible bidder therefor.

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

Approved April 17, 1919.