

CHAPTER 2—H. F. No. 68.

An act prescribing the legal qualifications of newspapers published in municipalities which were devastated by forest fire in October, 1918, and legalizing publications heretofore made by newspapers purporting to be published within such forest fire limits.

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

Section 1. **Legal qualifications of newspapers defined in certain cases.**—In all cases where the printing office and plant of a newspaper, formerly situated in a municipality which was destroyed by forest fire in October, 1918, the qualifications prescribed by section 9413, General Statutes of Minnesota 1913, shall apply and govern; provided, that during the year next following such fire all, or any part, of the work in connection with the preparation, printing and publishing of said newspaper may be done and performed at any place, but such newspaper must be mailed from its place of purported publication.

Sec. 2. **Publications legalized.**—All newspaper publication of notices, required by law to be published in legal newspapers, which have been, or shall be, published in newspapers which conform in all respects to the statutes defining legal newspapers, except as above specified and provided, and which are printed, published and mailed as above provided, are hereby legalized and declared to be valid and sufficient for all purposes.

Sec. 3. **Application.**—This act shall not apply to or affect any action now pending in which the validity of such newspaper published notice is called in question.

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

Approved January 20, 1919.

CHAPTER 3—S. F. No. 11.

An act legalizing and validating certain obligations and indebtedness incurred and to be incurred by cities of the State of Minnesota now or hereafter having over 50,000 inhabitants and not governed under a charter adopted pursuant to section 36, article 4, of the State Constitution, for the maintenance of the Fire Department, Police Department and other departments of such cities, in excess of the annual appropriations and taxes therefor, and authorizing the issuance and sale of municipal bonds of such cities for the payment of such obligations and indebtedness.

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

Section 1. **Certain obligations in cities of the first class legalized, and \$1,000,000 bond issue authorized.**—All obligations and indebtedness incurred during the year 1918 or former years by each city in the state of Minnesota now or hereafter having over fifty thousand inhabitants and not governed under a charter

adopted pursuant to section 36, article 4, of the State Constitution, for the maintenance and cost of maintenance of the fire department, police department and other departments of the city in excess of the annual appropriations therefor made by the city council or other chief governing body of the city, and in excess of the annual taxes levied therefor and all such obligations and indebtedness hereafter to be incurred by such city in excess of the annual appropriations therefor, are hereby legalized and made valid, notwithstanding any existing provisions of law to the contrary, and each such city is hereby authorized and empowered to pay all such obligations and indebtedness in full from any funds of the city available or which shall be made available therefor; and the city council or other chief governing body of the city are hereby authorized and empowered to incur such obligations and indebtedness of the city and make additional expenditures of moneys of the city for the support and maintenance of the police department, fire department and other departments of the city, in excess of the annual appropriations therefor as the city council or other chief governing body of the city may deem expedient and necessary for the best interests of the city, notwithstanding any existing provisions of law to the contrary; and for the purpose of meeting and paying such obligations and indebtedness already incurred and to be incurred, and in addition to all taxes authorized by law to be levied to defray the current expenses of the city, each such city is hereby authorized and empowered, in addition to all the powers now possessed by such city, by resolution duly passed by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of the city council or other chief governing body of the city, to issue from time to time and from year to year as may be needed municipal bonds of such city to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate \$1,000,000.00 in par value, and to use the proceeds thereof in payment of the obligations and indebtedness of the city already incurred and to be incurred for maintaining and defraying the cost of maintaining the fire department, police department and other departments of the city.

Sec. 2. Issuance of bonds, and levy of taxes for payment of same.—The bonds hereby authorized or any part thereof may be sold and issued 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 other chief governing body of such city shall each year include in the taxes levied by such city a sufficient amount in addition to all other taxes 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. Period of duration, limitation of interest, and signatures to be affixed.—No such bonds shall be issued by any such city under this act for the purposes hereinbefore named to run for a longer period than ten years or bearing a higher rate of interest than 5 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. Such bonds may be made payable in series of two or more bonds and from year to year, or any issue of such bonds may be made payable at a stated time, as determined by the city council or other chief governing body of the city issuing the same. The place of the payment of the principal of such bonds and the interest thereon and the denominations in which the same shall be issued shall be such as shall be determined by the city council or other chief governing body of the city. Such bonds shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the city comptroller and attested by the city clerk of the city issuing the same and shall be sealed with the seal of such city, except that the signatures on 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.

Sec. 4. Manner of sale.—Such bonds or any part thereof may be sold upon two weeks' published notice of the sale, or the same may be sold at private sales through such agencies and in such manner and at such times and places and with or without published or other notice of such sales as the city council or other chief governing body of the city shall determine. All sales of such bonds sold at private sales shall be reported to the city council or other chief governing body of the city for confirmation.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 22, 1919.

CHAPTER 4—H. F. No. 16.

An act legalizing certain proceedings of the governing body of any county, city, village, Firemen's Relief Association, town or borough, which certain proceedings were taken during the year 1918 for the purpose of providing aid to the tornado sufferers at Tyler, Minnesota, and aid to the fire sufferers in northern Minnesota.

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

Section 1. Aid to Tyler tornado sufferers legalized.—In case the governing body of any county, city, village, Firemen's Relief Associations, town or borough in this state did by proceedings during the year Nineteen Eighteen appropriate public funds and cause to be issued warrants or orders, for the purpose of providing aid to the tornado sufferers at Tyler, Minnesota, or aid to the fire sufferers in northern Minnesota, the action of such govern-