Any city or village, or two or more cities or villages jointly. in which an armory has been heretofore, is now or may hereafter be erected or authorized under the provisions of this act, may acquire and convey to the state of Minnesota, a site, and raise and appropriate money and funds in the aid of the construction, repair or improvement thereof, and to that end may issue bonds payable not more than twenty years after their issue and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent, per annum, and may deposit such money and funds and the proceeds of the sale of such bonds with the state treasurer to the credit of the proper construction fund, and may make such further provision for the maintenance and improvement of such armory as may be deemed necessary; provided, that whenever bonds have been heretofore issued by any city or village for any of the foregoing purposes, and the validity of such bonds is not now in question in the courts, the same are hereby validated and hereby declared to be legal obligations of any city or village issuing the same; and provided further, that whenever the board deems it expedient, and in furtherance of the purposes of this act, it may purchase and finish armories already built or partly built, deducting, however, from the purchase price, the appraised value of the site.

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

after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1919.

CHAPTER 380-S. F. No. 970.

An act legalizing the foreclosure or cancellation of contracts for the purchase or sale of real estate and the records thereof where the mortgage registration tax on such contracts had not been paid prior to the commencement of the foreclosure or cancellation thereof, but which said mortgage registration tax was paid in full prior to the passage of this act or was paid in full during the pendency of said foreclosure or cancellation proceeding.

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

Section 1. Certain foreclosure or cancellation of contract, etc., legalized.—That in all cases where a contract for the purchase or sale of real estate has been foreclosed or cancelled, attempted to be foreclosed or cancelled, or such foreclosure or cancellation proceeding is now pending, and such foreclosure or cancellation, attempted foreclosure or cancellation, or such pending foreclosure or cancellation proceeding is defective by reason of the fact that prior to the commencement of any such foreclosure or cancellation proceeding no mortgage registration tax had been paid on said contract prior to the commencement of such foreclosure or cancellation proceeding, such foreclosure or cancellation

proceedings, including any foreclosure or cancellation proceeding now pending, and the record thereof, if any shall have been made, are hereby legalized and made as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes and of the same force and effect in all respects, for the purpose of notice, evidence, validity, foreclosure, cancellation or otherwise as if such mortgage registration tax had been paid prior to the time of the commencement of any such proceedings, provided that the mortgage registration tax on said contract was paid in full prior to the passage of this act or was paid in full during the pendency of said foreclosure or cancellation proceeding.

Sec. 2. Application.—This act shall not apply to any action

now pending in any of the courts of this state.

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

Approved April 23, 1919.

CHAPTER 381-S. F. No. 1050.

An act relieving counties of liability to incorporated cities, boroughs or villages on account of the failure of county auditors to apportion, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 239, General Laws of 1905, as amended by Chapter 159, Laws of 1915, penalties and interest accruing upon taxes heretofore levied upon real estate. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Counties not to be liable for failure of auditors in incorrect apportionments.—In all counties in this state where heretofore county auditors thereof have apportioned between the county revenue fund and school districts of the county penalties and interest accruing upon taxes levied upon real estate and have not apportioned such penalties and interest to cities, boroughs or villages pursuant to the provisions of chapter 239; General Laws of 1905, as amended by chapter 159, Laws of 1915, such counties shall not be liable to cities, boroughs or villages for such failure; provided, however, that the liability of counties on account of the collection of penalties and interest accruing on special assessments shall not in any way be affected by this act.

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

after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1919.

CHAPTER 382-H. F. No. 1065.

An act authorizing the incorporation of co-operative associations and defining their powers.

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

Section 1. Co-operative associations—Who may organize—Purposes.—A co-operative association, society, company or exchange may be formed for the purpose of conducting any agricultural, dairy, mercantile, mining, telephone, manufacturing or