

taxable property in any city or village shall have been exempted, under the terms of any special law from the payment of a tax for road and bridge purposes to be expended outside the corporate limits of such city or village and levied by any county board and such special law shall subsequent to September 1, 1919, be or have been repealed, the taxable property in any city or village to which such special law was applicable shall not be subject to taxation for road and bridge bonds theretofore issued by the county in which such city or village is situate, nor for the payment of any road and bridge indebtedness so theretofore incurred by such county prior to the repeal of such special law.

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

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#### CHAPTER 25—S. F. No. 130.

*An act amending Chapter 122, Laws 1917, entitled, "An act authorizing and empowering any city of this state having a population of not more than 10,000 inhabitants, to provide for a heating plant, the same to be of municipal or private ownership," and further providing for the supplying by the city of steam or hot water to such heating plant when operated under private ownership, under such plan as may be provided by contract and to enable the city to purchase and acquire such plant at the actual cost thereof, or otherwise, for the issue of bonds to provide the necessary funds for such purpose.*

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

Section 1. **Municipal heating plants authorized.**—That section 1 of chapter 122, Laws 1917, be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Any city of this state having a population of not more than 10,000 inhabitants, is hereby authorized and empowered:

(a) To grant to any person, persons, company or corporation, the right of the use of the streets, alleys and other public grounds of such city for the erection, operation and maintenance of any heating system to furnish heat to the inhabitants of such city, the same to be on such terms and subject to such conditions as the governing body of such city shall determine, including therein the right to sell to such person, persons, company or corporation, at a profit to such city, any steam generated or water heated by any plant owned and operated by such city, and to make contracts and arrangements for the furnishing of heat to the inhabitants of such city thereby, and for the regulation and control of such heating system.

(b) To grant to any person, persons, company or corporation the right of the use of the streets, alleys, and other public grounds of such city for the installation, without any expense to such city, of pipes, conduits, and other equipment necessary and incidental to the construction, operation and maintenance of a heating system to furnish heat to the inhabitants of such city, the same to be on such terms and subject to such conditions as the governing body of such city shall determine, including the right to make all necessary and incidental contracts and arrangements for the furnishing of heat to the inhabitants of such city, at a profit to such city, from any steam generated or water heated by any plant owned and operated by such city, including the right to acquire, own, operate and enlarge the heating system after the same shall have been installed, and including the right to issue certificates of indebtedness of such city payable in heat to be sold by such city; *any such city in which there is in operation a municipal electric light and water plant, or either, may agree with any such service company which the city may authorize to furnish steam or hot water heat to its inhabitants, to supply from such municipal plant to such company, upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon between the city and the company, the necessary steam or hot water or both to be supplied to the patrons of the company, and by such agreement may provide for joint approval of plans; joint supervision of construction and ascertainment and determination at the time of completion of the cost of the company's plant, and by such agreement may fix and establish the rates to be charged to the company's patrons for the heat supplied, the charges to be billed to and collected from the consumer either by the city or the service company, as agreed upon, the revenues received therefrom to be apportioned and divided between the city and the company upon such reasonable and proper basis of division as they may agree upon with appropriate provision for the purchase of the company's plant by the city at cost, plus reasonable interest thereon, and the payment therefor from the moneys received and accumulated by the city as its share of the derived revenues.*

(c) *Any such city in which there is already constructed any such heating system not owned by the city is authorized to acquire such existing heating system by purchase at such price not exceeding its fair value and on such terms as may be agreed on between such city and the owners of such system, and in order to provide the funds for such purchase the city council or other governing body, by whatever name denominated, is hereby authorized to issue and sell the bonds of such city, to such an amount as may in its judgment be necessary for the purpose, said bonds shall be in such form and denomination, 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 twenty years*

*from their date, all as the city council or other governing body shall determine. Said bonds shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the clerk of said city, and shall be sold for not less than par and accrued interest.*

Sec. 2. Enlarged powers conferred.—That section 2 of chapter 122, Laws 1917, be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The obligations incurred by any such city in the making of such contracts and arrangements shall not be considered as a part of its indebtedness under the provisions of its governing charter or of any law of this state fixing the limit of indebtedness for such city. *The powers conferred by this act are additional to all other powers conferred by law, and the amount of any bonds issued hereunder at any time outstanding shall not be included in determining any such city's net indebtedness under the provisions of its charter, or of any other applicable law.*

Sec. 3. *This act shall apply to all cities of the indicated class whether organized under general or special laws, including those operating under home rule charters.*

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

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#### CHAPTER 26—S. F. No. 138.

*An act to provide tuition in the University of Minnesota, the state normal schools and any college in the state of Minnesota which participated in the students' army training corps work, and other colleges and schools for such persons who rendered certain services during the war periods and repealing all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.*

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

Sec. 1. Soldiers, sailors and others entitled to \$200 free tuition in university and normal schools.—That chapter 338, section 1, Session Laws of Minnesota 1919, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. Any male person who, being at the time a citizen and resident of the state of Minnesota, served as an officer or enlisted man in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States during any war in which the United States has been involved, including the members of the national guard, or who, upon the call of the president, performed military service outside of the borders of this state in any troubles with Mexico, and any man or woman who, being at the time a citizen and resident of the state of Minnesota, performed active overseas war service as a regularly enlisted full-time worker of the Red Cross, engaged in nursing the sick or