

than nine thousand and less than thirteen thousand inhabitants and having an assessed valuation of more than four million dollars and less than seven million dollars, exclusive of money and credits, and having not less than fifteen and not more than seventeen, full or fractional congressional townships, has heretofore erected or constructed or contributed funds for the erection of a building, buildings, fence, fences, or for the construction or repair of roads, streets or race track or for the construction or installation of waterworks or for the filling in of lands, which building, buildings, fence, fences, roads, streets, race track, waterworks or filled lands are used for county fair purposes and title to such improvement or improvements and the land upon which the same are situate has been or may hereafter be conveyed to the county, or was at the time of the construction or installation of such improvement or improvements, vested in the county, the county board of such county is hereby authorized and empowered to pay to such society or officer thereof erecting or constructing such improvement or making such contribution, an amount equal to the money so expended or contributed by such society or officer thereof in erecting, constructing, repairing, installing or making such improvement or improvements; provided, however, that the amount which shall be paid out under the provisions of this act by any one county shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars."

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

Approved April 7, 1921.

CHAPTER 166—H. F. No. 1097.

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. **Counties to issue road bonds in certain cases.**—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 in such an amount, not exceeding \$25,000, 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 when such permanent improvement was or is necessary by reason of the periodic flooding of such state road or state roads, but the aggregate net indebtedness of any county inclusive of the bonds issued hereunder shall not at any time exceed fifteen per centum of the assessed valuation of the county's taxable real property.

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 sec-

tion 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, and also includes any bridge or bridges.

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. Rate of interest not to exceed six per cent—To run not more than ten years.—Said bonds shall be in such form and denominations, shall bear such rate of interest not exceeding six per centum 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 for the purposes hereby authorized and for such purposes only.

Sec. 3. Bonds to be issued before Jan. 1, 1922.—The powers of 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, 1922.

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

Approved April 7, 1921.

CHAPTER 167—S. F. No. 44.

An act authorizing cemetery associations to reinvest themselves with title to the unused portions of cemetery lots, for failure to pay lot care thereon, and relating to cemeteries.

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