

Sec. 2. Bonds payable in annual installments—Limit of time.—That subdivision 5 of Section 1855, General Statutes 1913, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

5. In the case of all of the before-mentioned municipal corporations, for paying any judgment lawfully rendered against them, or for refunding outstanding bonds or for funding floating indebtedness *provided, however, that bonds hereafter issued for the purpose of funding floating indebtedness under authority of this act shall be payable in annual installments, as nearly equal in amount as conveniently may be, the first of which installments shall be due in not more than three years from the date of the issue, and the last of which installments shall be due in not more than fifteen years from the date of the issue.*

Sec. 3. Not to affect certain other laws.—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage provided, however, that nothing herein shall affect the powers conferred upon school districts by Chapter 272 of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1905.

Approved April 8, 1921.

CHAPTER 210—H. F. No. 241.

An act to amend Section 7298 General Statutes of 1913, relating to allowance of executors, administrators and guardians.

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

Section 1. Allowances to executors, etc.—That Section 7298 of the General Statutes of 1913 be, and the same hereby is, amended so as to read as follows:

7298. Every executor, administrator, and guardian shall be allowed all necessary expenses in the care, management, and settlement of the estate, including proper and reasonable fees paid to attorneys, and for his own services such fees as are provided by law or fixed by the court; but when the decedent, by his will, makes some other provision for the compensation of his executor, that shall be a full compensation for his services, unless by an instrument in writing, filed in the probate court, he renounces all claim for compensation provided by the will. When costs are allowed against an executor, administrator or guardian, in any proceeding in any court, he shall pay the same out of the estate, as an expense of administration, and the same shall be allowed to him in his administration account; *whenever a person named as executor in any will or codicil defends such will or codicil, either for the purpose of having it admitted to probate, sustained as the will of decedent making lawful disposition of his estate, or establishing the intent of the testator, such court may allow out of the estate of decedent to such person, whether successful or not,*

his reasonable fees and expenses, reasonable attorneys' fees and the necessary disbursements of such proceeding.

Provided, that costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees paid or incurred in actions or proceedings in court shall not be allowed if it appear that such actions or proceedings were prosecuted or resisted without just cause.

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

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CHAPTER 211—H. F. No. 201.

An act providing for the recording of village plats and other plats of land in certain cases without the certificate of the county auditor or other certificate thereon and validating such plats and the record thereof.

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

Section 1. Plats may be recorded without certificate of county auditor in certain cases—Records legalized.—That any plat of a village or addition thereto, or other plat of land that has for more than 15 years before the passage of this act, been executed and placed in the custody of the proper register of deeds, but the same has not been recorded, and has ever since being so placed in the custody of the proper register of deeds been in his office and official custody, and such plat was not properly executed so as to entitle it to record at the time it was so placed in the custody of the proper register of deeds, and conveyances of lots and parcels of land embraced in such plats have since the execution of such plats been made and recorded therein describing and conveying such lots and parcels of land as designated and described in such plat and the same expressly referred to in such conveyance, every such plat shall upon the request of any owner of land affected thereby or included in such plat, upon the payment of the proper fees therefor, be recorded by the register of deeds and to entitle such plat to record it shall not be necessary to have the same approved by the village council of the village affected thereby nor to have the certificate of the county auditor or county treasurer as to taxes or to have any other certificate upon such plat not on the same when so placed in the custody of such register of deeds; and such plat and the record thereof are hereby declared to be valid and of the same force and effect as if the same had been properly executed and approved and the proper certificates endorsed thereon when it was so placed in the custody of such register of deeds; provided however that the provi-