

1920, pursuant to the provisions of such charter, or any amendment thereof, taken proceedings in compliance with such charter provisions, to issue the bonds of such city for the actual construction of public water works, or for the enlargement, protection and distribution of its water supply, or for paying the expenses incurred and to be incurred in extending, enlarging and improving the water plant and system within said city, owned and conducted by it, or for the establishment or improvement of its public lighting, heating or power plant, or for the construction of sewers or pavements within said city, each and all in accordance with the provisions of the charter thereof, or amendments thereto; that then and in every such case, such proceedings are hereby legalized, and such bonds so issued or that may be issued under such proceedings within six months from the passage and approval of this Act, are legalized and made valid, *provided*, such bonds, when so issued, did not and will not cause the indebtedness of said city in any event to exceed the net indebtedness, as defined by Section 1848 General Statutes 1913, which such city would be authorized to incur if it were acting under the General Laws of this State, and not under a Home Rule Charter.

Sec. 2. **Shall not apply in certain cases.**—This Act shall not apply to the case of any proceedings or bonds, the validity of which is called in question in any action now pending.

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

Approved January 24, 1921.

CHAPTER 5—S. F. No. 58.

An act to amend chapter 9, Session Laws of Minnesota 1919, relating to public schools in certain special school districts and to the rate of taxation in such districts.

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

Section 1. **30 mill tax levy in certain school districts.**—That chapter 9, Session Laws of Minnesota 1919, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. Special school districts now or hereafter having not less than 10,000 inhabitants, nor more than 20,000 inhabitants, are hereby empowered to annually levy for general school purposes a general school tax not exceeding thirty mills on the dollar of the valuation of all taxable property in such school districts, according to the preceding official assessment thereof, provided this shall not apply to school districts, the boundaries of which extend into two or more counties.

Sec. 2. **May issue bonds.**—The electors of such special school districts are hereby empowered to issue bonds for permanent im-

provements in any sum not exceeding twelve per cent of their last official assessed valuation.

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

Memorandum: Rate raised from twenty mills to thirty mills.

Approved January 25, 1921.

CHAPTER 6—H. F. No. 316.

An act, entitled an act to legalize certain proceedings heretofore taken for the drainage of lands in certain cases, and county bonds issued or that may be issued in connection therewith.

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

Section 1. Ditch proceedings legalized.—Where the county board of any county of this state, or the judge of any of the district courts of this state, in pursuance of Chapter 230 of the Laws of 1905 and the acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, has located and established, or attempted to locate and establish, any ditch, drain or water course, wholly within any county of this state, or partly within two or more counties thereof, and it has been determined by resolution adopted by said board, or order made by said judge, that said drain, ditch or water course will be of public utility and promotive of or conducive to the public health, and that the benefits, or estimated benefits, to be derived from the construction thereof, are greater than the total cost, including damages awarded, and such drain or water course has been actually constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications filed by the engineer therein, or of the contract made in accordance with such plans or specifications, or the county has, or the counties have, entered into a contract or contracts for the construction thereof, and the county auditor has, or the county auditors as the case may be, or any of them, have executed and filed in the office of the Register of Deeds, the tabular statement provided for in said act, making assessments for the cost of the location, establishment and construction of the same, within such county, against the lands, corporations and roads benefitted thereby, and the time for appeals has expired and no appeals have been taken therefrom, or from any such proceeding, or if such appeals have been taken, that the same have been determined before the passage of this act: then the said proceedings, and all assessments or liens so levied or attempted to be assessed or levied for the actual cost of such work, including damages awarded, and the county bonds, if any, which have been sold and issued, to defray the expense incurred in connection therewith, or that may be issued or that may have been sold or attempted to be sold, and shall be issued within three months after the passage of this Act to defray the expense incurred in connection therewith, are