

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

hereby legalized and declared to be valid and of full force and effect until paid, as provided in said act and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. Not to apply in certain cases.—This act shall not apply to or affect the right of appeals from such proceedings, as now provided by law, or any actions or appeals now pending, in which the validity of such proceedings, or the sale of such bonds shall be called in question.

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

Approved January 25, 1921.

CHAPTER 7—H. F. No. 155.

An act to amend Section 3925 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1913 and all acts amendatory thereof, relating to the qualifications, salary and expenses, oath and bond of inspector of mines.

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

Section 1. Inspector of mines. Salary.—That Section 3925 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1913 be amended so as to read when amended as follows:

"Section 3925. Qualifications—Salary and Expenses—Oath—Bond.—Such inspector of mines shall be at least twenty-five years of age, a citizen of the state of Minnesota and a resident of the county wherein he is appointed, shall be of good moral character and temperate habits, and shall have had previous to his appointment practical experience as a miner or otherwise engaged as an employee in mines of the state at least six years, or a mining engineer having had previous to his appointment at least two years' practical experience in iron mines and iron mining and having had at least one year's such experience in this state. He shall not while in office in any way be interested as an owner, operator, agent, stockholder, or engineer of any mine. He shall make his residence or have his office in the mining district of the county for which he is appointed. The salary of the inspector of mines shall be such sum as shall be fixed by the board of county commissioner, not exceeding *thirty-six hundred* dollars per annum, and he shall in addition be allowed actual traveling expenses not to exceed *nine hundred* dollars in any one year. He shall file with the county auditor an itemized account of his expenses every three months, verified by his affidavit, showing that they have been incurred in the discharge of his official duties. He shall before entering upon the discharge of the duties of his office, take an oath before some person authorized by law to administer oaths that he will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Minnesota and that he will faithfully, impartially and to the best of his ability, dis-