

CHAPTER 168—H. F. No. 259.

An act amending Chapter 407 of the Laws of 1919 by authorizing the State Board of Control under certain conditions to purchase not less than three hundred and twenty (320) acres of land as a location for the maintenance of a colony for epileptics and a colony for feeble-minded persons.

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

Section 1. Board of control to purchase land for epileptic colonies, etc.—That Chapter 407 of the Laws of 1919 be, and the same hereby is, amended so as to insert after Section 3 of that law the following sections, numbered 3a and 3b:

Sec. 3a. *If, after inquiry and investigation, the state board of control shall be unable to find public lands, the title to which is vested in the state, suitable for use as colonies for feeble-minded persons and epileptics, the said board is hereby authorized and empowered to invite, in such form or manner as its members may deem best, proposals for a site for said colonies for feeble-minded and epileptic persons of not less than three hundred and twenty (320) acres, situated in any county in this state; and in selecting such site said board of control shall consider, among other things, the healthfulness of the location, the character and quality of the soil, facilities for drainage, the quality of the water supply, the market value of the site offered, and its convenience to railroad transportation and to the needs of the state.*

Sec. 3b. *When said board of control, or a majority of its members, has selected the site, in the way and manner provided in the preceding section hereof, said board of control shall, without unnecessary delay, proceed to acquire an unencumbered title in fee simple thereto in the name of this state, either by grant or by purchase, and if by grant or by purchase shall pay therefor such sum as said board of control shall deem to be the reasonable market value thereof, not to exceed \$50,000.00 which payment shall be made out of the money appropriated under Section 8 of Chapter 465 of the Session Laws of 1919 for colonies for feeble-minded and epileptics, upon the execution and delivery of a deed therefor vesting in the state the title of said land in fee simple; but if no site is proposed or offered which meets with the approval of the said board of control (or a majority of its members), or if such a site is offered and agreed upon but said board of control is unable to purchase the same at what said board deems to be its reasonable market value, then said board shall forthwith invite further and additional proposals and shall so continue until a site has been proposed and offered which meets with the approval of the said board (or a majority of its members), and which can be purchased at what said board deems to be its reasonable market value or less.*

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

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CHAPTER 169—H. F. No. 376.

An act authorizing any town in any county of this state now or hereafter having not less than 70 or more than 80 full or fractional congressional townships, and having at any time an assessed valuation of not less than \$3,000,000, and not more than \$5,000,000, exclusive of money and credits, to authorize the town board thereof to expend through the county board of any such county funds of the town for the construction, improvement or maintenance of roads and bridges within any such town.

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

Section 1. Town boards authorized to expend money through county board in certain counties.—That any town within any county in this state now or hereafter containing not less than seventy nor more than eighty full or fractional congressional townships and having at any time an assessed valuation of not less than three million dollars nor more than five million dollars, exclusive of money and credits, as finally equalized by the State Tax Commission, may at its regular annual meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, authorize the town board thereof to expend, through the county board of any such county in which it is situate, moneys or funds of the town for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of any or all of the roads and bridges within such town.

Sec. 2. Town boards may appropriate money.—That upon and pursuant to any such authorization the town board of any such town may appropriate and set apart, out of the road and bridge fund thereof, money or funds belonging thereto, for such purpose, and, when an agreement has been entered into between the town board of any of such town and the board of county commissioners of any such county, for the construction, improvement or maintenance of any or all of the roads and bridges in any such town upon which such funds are to be expended in accordance with any such agreement, shall pay to any such county, pursuant to the terms of such contract or agreement, out of such money or funds so appropriated, the amount so agreed to be expended by any such county in the construction, improvement or maintenance of the roads and bridges in any such town, and not otherwise.

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