

than the par value thereof and accrued interest thereon.

Provided that this act shall not supersede the provisions of the charter of any city providing for the referendum of ordinances passed by the governing body to a vote of the electors of the city, nor with the provisions of the charter of any city making the action of the common council subject to approval of a Board of Estimate and Taxation, nor with the provisions of any such charter prescribing a particular method of authorization of such bonds.

Sec. 2. Tax levy—Sinking fund.—The full faith and credit of any such city shall at all times be pledged for the payment of any bonds issued under this act; and for the payment of the current interest thereon, and said governing body of such city shall each year include in the tax levy a sufficient amount for the payment of such interest as it accrues, and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

Sec. 3. Form of bonds—Execution—Sale.—All bonds issued under authority of this act shall be sealed with the seal of the city issuing the same and signed by the mayor and attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the city comptroller or city auditor of such city, except that the signatures to the coupons attached to such bonds, if any, may be lithographed thereon. The sale of such bonds shall be made in such manner and in such proportions of the whole amount authorized by this act and at such times as may be determined by the said governing body of such city.

Sec. 4. Use of proceeds.—The proceeds of any and all bonds issued and sold under authority of this act shall be used only for the purpose of acquiring a site, constructing and equipping a contagious hospital, and the proceeds of said bonds or any thereof shall not be used for any other purpose than those hereinbefore specified.

Sec. 5. Limitations.—Nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal or modify the provisions of any charter adopted pursuant to Section 36, Article 4 of the Constitution of this state requiring the question of the issuance of bonds to be submitted to a vote of the electors.

Sec. 6. Application.—This Act shall apply to cities operating under Home Rule charters adopted pursuant to Section 36, of Article 4, of the State Constitution, and the powers granted in this Act are in addition to all existing powers of such cities.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 11, 1923.

CHAPTER 224—H. F. No. 911.

An act to amend Section 3541 General Statutes 1913 relating to fraternal beneficiary association.

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

Section 1. Regulation of reserve fund and assets of fraternal beneficiary associations.—That section 3541, General Statutes 1913, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 3541. Every association transacting business under this act shall provide for the payment of death or disability benefits, or both, and may provide for the payment of benefits in case of temporary or permanent physical disability, either as the result of disease, accident or old age, provided, the period of life at which the payment of benefits for disability on account of old age shall commence shall not be under seventy years. Any such association may grant to its members extended and paid-up protection or such withdrawal equities as its constitution and laws may provide; provided, that such grants shall in no case exceed in value the portion of the reserves to the credit of such members to whom they are made and that such association shall show by an annual valuation made by a competent actuary approved by the Commissioner of Insurance that it is accumulating and maintaining for the benefit of such members the reserves required by the American Experience Table of Mortality with interest at the rate of four (4) per cent per annum, or by the National Fraternal Congress Table of Mortality with interest at the rate of four (4) per cent per annum, and the association shall carry as a liability the reserves so determined, and that assets representing such reserves shall be held in trust for such members separate and distinct from assets belonging to members holding certificates on which such reserves are not maintained, and that the assets so held in trust shall not be used to pay any claims or benefits upon any certificates to members other than to the members for whom said assets are so held in trust.

Nor shall anything contained herein or contained in the laws of this state regulating fraternal benefit societies, orders or associations be held to restrict the right of any fraternal benefit society in the use of any surplus over and above the accumulation required by the table by which the rates are computed and the accretions thereon, as prescribed by the laws or rules of the society, provided the same are used for the common benefit of all the members.

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CHAPTER 225—H. F. No. 875.

An act providing for the establishment and maintenance by the State of Minnesota of a system of rural credit; for the loaning of money by the State of Minnesota upon real estate within the state; authorizing the State of Minnesota to borrow money on its certificates and bonds secured by the good faith and credit of the state for the purpose of maintaining such system of rural credits; the Minnesota rural credit bureau for the management thereof and