

Statutes 1923, relating to the issuance of ditch bonds by county boards.

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

Section 1. County Board to sell ditch bonds.—That Section 6699, General Statutes 1923, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows :

“6699. The county board of any such county is authorized and empowered to issue and sell, from time to time, the county’s bonds for the purposes of its general ditch fund. Such bonds shall be designated Drainage Funding Bonds or by some other appropriate name. Their issuance shall be authorized by resolution of the county board, and they shall be signed by its chairman and attested by the county auditor, who shall affix his seal. They shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall mature serially in annual installments, as nearly equal as conveniently may be, the first installment to be payable in not more than five years, and the last installment in not more than fifteen years from the date of said bonds. They shall be sold as provided by Section 1856, General Statutes 1913.”

Sec. 2. County auditor to file certificate.—That Section 6700, General Statutes 1923, be and the same hereby is, amended so as to read as follows :

“6700. Before any bonds shall be authorized or issued under the provisions hereof, there shall be first presented to the county board and entered in its records, a certificate signed by the county auditor under his seal. This certificate shall state (1) the amount which will be required to make good any existing shortage within the meaning of Section 2 hereof, and (2) the probable amount which will be required to pay the principal or interest of the county’s outstanding drainage ditch bonds to become due within one year from the date of such certificate. The certificate shall state such amounts in detail, and shall specify the part thereof which is applicable to each of the several county ditches. Such certificate of the county auditor shall be conclusive evidence that the county has authority to issue bonds under the provisions hereof to an amount not exceeding the aggregate amount specified in any such certificate.

Approved April 13, 1925.

CHAPTER 199—H. F. No. 800.

An act to amend Section 5172, General Statutes 1923, relating to general supervision of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission over warehousemen in certain cities and villages.

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

Section 1. Supervision of Warehousemen.—Section 5172, General Statutes 1923, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "5172. That the Railroad and Warehouse Commission shall have general supervision of all warehousemen doing business in cities and villages in this state having a population of 5000 or more persons according to the last federal census, as warehousemen are defined in this act, and shall keep itself informed as to the manner and method in which their business is conducted. It shall examine such business and keep itself informed as to its general condition, capitalization, rates and other charges, its rules and regulations, and the manner in which the plants, equipments and other property, owned, leased, controlled or operated, are constructed, managed, conducted and operated, not only with reference to the adequacy, security and accommodation afforded to the public by their service, but also in respect to the compliance with the provisions of this act or with the orders of the commission."

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CHAPTER 200—H. F. No. 823.

An act authorizing the payment of pensions to the dependents of deceased employes of cities of over 50,000 inhabitants in certain cases.

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

Section 1. Pension for dependents of deceased employes in certain cities.—That, in every city of the State now or hereafter having over 50,000 inhabitants, which adopts or had adopted a system of paying pensions or retirement allowance to retired municipal employes pursuant to Chapter 522, General Laws 1919, the retirement board in control of such system is hereby authorized to pay retirement allowances to the widows of each and every employe who dies while in the service of the city without having elected to accept the provisions of said law and who at the time of the ratification of the system provided by said Chapter 522, General Laws 1919, shall have been employed by said city for a period of 30 or more years.

Sec. 2. Retirement Board to determine worth of allowance.—It shall be the duty of said retirement board to determine the value or present worth of said retirement allowance as of the date of death of any such employe in the same manner as would have been pursued had said employe retired from the service of the city at that date and requested a pension pursuant to the provisions of Option 11, Section 9, of said Chapter 522, General Laws 1919.

Sec. 3. Amount of pension.—The pension to be granted and paid pursuant to the terms of this act to the residuary beneficiary