

any right or interest in land either platted or unplatted within the limits of said city, which interest in land consists of a right or privilege in the owner of said land to offset certain amounts against special assessments levied by the governing body, the city council or the board of park commissioners of such city for park or parkway purposes, or both.

Sec. 2. Right of eminent domain.—In the event that the chief governing body, city council or board of park commissioners of such city shall exercise such right by condemnation such body may do so under any laws provided for the condemnation of real property or eminent domain or under any provision of the charter of such city granting to such body the right of condemnation or eminent domain; or, it being for the best interests of such city, such chief governing board, city council, or board of park commissioners shall have the power and authority to acquire said rights by purchase, taking into consideration the present worth of such right to exemption and the probability or improbability that such exemptions would ever be used as an offset to future assessments for benefits.

Sec. 3. May issue bonds.—In order to carry out the purpose of this Act each such city is hereby authorized to issue bonds, or certificates of indebtedness to secure funds for the amount necessary to acquire said right, and the city council or other chief governing body shall levy annually a tax on all the taxable property of the city sufficient to meet the interest and the principal about to mature on said bond.

Approved April 25, 1931

CHAPTER 386—S. F. No. 1121

An act authorizing defendants to give surety bonds, recognizances or undertakings in criminal cases.

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

Section 1. Corporate bonds authorized in criminal cases.—Any defendant required to give a bond, recognizance or undertaking to secure his appearance in any criminal case in any court of

record, may, if he so elects, give a surety bond, recognizance or undertaking executed by a corporation authorized by law to execute such bonds, recognizances or undertakings, provided, that the amount of the bond, recognizance or undertaking as fixed by the court must be the same regardless of the kind of bond, recognizance or undertaking given.

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

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CHAPTER 387—S. F. No. 1130

An act to appropriate money for the investigation and extermination of Austrian field cress (radicula Austriaca), a noxious weed, in the state of Minnesota, and imposing upon the commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food certain powers and duties with reference to this weed.

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

Section 1. Appropriation for extermination of noxious weeds.—The commissioner of agriculture, dairy and food, hereafter referred to as commissioner, is hereby authorized and it shall be his duty to execute this law, and to that end he may make and enforce such regulations as in his judgment shall be necessary; he shall investigate the nature and extent of Austrian field cress in this state, and to that end may require information from any party or parties, public officer or official as to the presence of Austrian field cress and possible means for its eradication. For the purpose of performing his duties and exercising his powers herein he may enter, or have someone for him enter, upon any and all lands in the state and take such samples of Austrian field cress, soil or other material needed for said investigation and eradication of said noxious weed, and to these ends he may from time to time publish and circulate information through the press, publish bulletins and other publications.