

CHAPTER 101—H. F. No. 358.

An act authorizing the state executive council to extend direct relief, drouth relief, work relief and employment to the needy, destitute and disabled persons within the state of Minnesota; to appropriate money therefor and to authorize the executive council to issue certificates of indebtedness to be represented by tax levy certificates to cover such appropriation; authorizing the state board of investment to purchase said certificates of indebtedness from the state trust funds; to authorize the state executive council to disburse said funds to such federal and state relief agencies as may to said council seem just and proper and for the best interests of the citizens of the state of Minnesota; to purchase lands and materials needed to carry on such direct relief, drouth relief, work relief, and employment; and to convey land to the United States in certain cases; authorizing the state board of investment to purchase certificates of indebtedness to be issued for the purpose of providing the funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this act and authorizing the state auditor and state treasurer to sign said certificates of indebtedness and authorizing the state board of investment to purchase the same at an interest rate of 3 per cent and for other purposes.

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

WHEREAS, Conditions of intense distress throughout the state, produced by economic causes, make imperative the giving of direct relief, work relief and re-employment on a vast scale, and

WHEREAS, The public health, public safety and general welfare are seriously menaced by these conditions, and

WHEREAS, A general emergency exists affecting the public health, public safety and general welfare of the people of the state:

Section 1. Appropriation for relief purposes.—There is hereby appropriated out of the relief fund hereinafter created the sum of \$7,625,000, to be available immediately for the period ending July 1, 1937, for the purpose of aiding in furnishing necessary relief, disabled veterans relief, work relief and employment relief to needy, destitute and disabled persons within the state of Minnesota in connection with the relief agencies of local subdivisions of government.

Sec. 2. Executive council may acquire property.—The executive council is authorized to acquire by gift, purchase, or

condemnation proceedings under Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Chapter 41, as amended, or otherwise, any land needed to carry on the work relief and employment herein provided for and, in appropriate cases, to convey land to the United States needed for projects financed in whole or in part by the United States.

Sec. 3. Executive council to expend monies.—Said sums of money are appropriated to and made available to the executive council of the state of Minnesota to be disbursed by said council, from time to time as needed, to the various relief agencies of local subdivisions of government for the purpose of furnishing aid and relief to needy, destitute and disabled persons within the state of Minnesota as herein provided as may to said executive council seem just and proper.

Sec. 4. Executive council to allocate monies.—Said funds shall be withdrawn from the state treasury only as needed, from time to time, by requirements of the executive council of the state of Minnesota and upon warrants drawn by the secretary of said executive council to the state relief agency herein set up, or other agencies as may to said council seem just and proper, and shall be allocated throughout the various counties of this state by said state relief agency, or other agencies as said council may designate in accordance with the need therefor.

Sec. 5. Counties and municipalities may contribute.—Counties and municipalities of the state of Minnesota requiring aid and relief shall contribute a sum, which in the opinion of the executive council is fair and equitable to be so borne by them. The executive council shall take into consideration, in determining such sum, economic conditions, conservation needs, acts of the elements, economic distress, public debt, and relief projects at this time contemplated.

Sec. 6. May issue certificates of indebtedness.—For the purpose of providing funds with which to discharge the obligations provided by the terms of this act the executive council is authorized and directed to issue certificates of indebtedness of the state of Minnesota against the tax levy herein authorized and, at the same time, the state auditor is directed and authorized to levy and collect annually in the same manner as other state taxes are levied and collected the sum of \$656,250, for each of the taxable years 1937 and 1938 and the sum of \$3,156,250, for each of the taxable years 1939 and 1940 and to levy and collect annually such additional sum as may be needed to meet the interest on such certificates of indebted-

ness. The sum so levied and collected shall be placed to the credit of a fund to be known as the "Minnesota Public Relief Fund", which is hereby created and said certificates of indebtedness shall be payable from said fund. All taxes heretofore levied or hereafter levied for the taxable years 1936, 1937 and 1938 pursuant to the provisions of Laws-1935, Chapter 51, shall be paid into said fund and all certificates of indebtedness issued pursuant to said chapter 51 shall be paid from said fund.

Sec. 7. State Board of Investment may buy certificates.—The state board of investment is hereby authorized to invest the state trust funds in said tax levy certificates and said state investment board is hereby authorized to purchase said certificates of indebtedness at the rate of not less than three per cent interest in such sums and amounts as said state investment board may, from time to time, have available funds for that purpose and said state investment board, for this purpose is authorized to purchase said certificates of indebtedness at a rate of interest of three per cent, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 8. Relief for disabled veterans.—Of the amounts hereby appropriated and provided for, the executive council is authorized to use such reasonable sums to aid in the relief of disabled veterans of all wars as shall to said executive council seem just and proper not exceeding, however, the sum of \$1,250,000; and to establish the necessary agency to administer the same.

Sec. 9. May be used for direct relief or work relief.—The funds appropriated by this act shall be used by the executive council for direct relief or work relief to such counties and municipalities in accordance with the allotment hereinbefore or hereinafter authorized, but no part of said funds, shall be, by any counties or municipalities receiving aid from the state, used for administration purposes, but any administration costs incidental to the distribution of such aid for relief shall be borne by the county or municipality receiving the aid.

Sec. 10. Monies reappropriated.—Monies heretofore appropriated by the executive council under the provisions of Laws 1935, Chapter 51, out of monies available for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1936, which have been allocated to certain work improvements in the state and which have not been expended, shall remain so appropriated and such allocations shall remain undisturbed, but the council is authorized and directed in all cases where the project is rejected by the

Federal Government, or where in the judgment of the council it has become improbable that the Federal Government will authorize and undertake such project or inadvisable in view of the best interests of the state that the project be authorized or undertaken, to transfer monies so allocated into the "Minnesota Public Relief Fund" and make such monies a part of such fund. Provided, further, however, that said executive council is authorized in all cases where a project has been authorized by the Federal Government prior to January 1, 1936, or a project has heretofore been undertaken by the Federal Government, to immediately make available out of said relief funds the sum or sums of money necessary for such project to meet federal requirements.

Sec. 11. May vest authority in SERA.—The executive council is authorized and directed by this act to vest in the present state relief agency, commonly known as the State Emergency Relief Agency authority to spend such funds from the relief fund as may be necessary to carry on said state relief agency. The members of said agency may be removed at any time by the executive council without cause. The agency, so set up and appointed by the executive council, shall have full authority to supervise, direct and control the various county and municipal relief agencies that may receive aid from the state of Minnesota in order to determine whether the state aid is being used and expended for direct relief or work relief as contemplated by the terms of this act and in event that the state agency finds that the funds contributed by the state of Minnesota are not properly used then said executive council is authorized to withhold any further aid to said county or municipality from said state relief funds.

Sec. 12. County board to disburse money.—The funds allocated by the executive council for the extension of such relief shall be disbursed by the county board of commissioners in each county or such agency as such board of commissioners may appoint, but in municipalities where a public welfare agency is provided by charter, then by such public welfare agency in accordance with the provisions of such charter, but whether such funds are disbursed by a county, or a municipal relief agency, the funds so allocated shall be used solely for the purpose of furnishing relief to needy, destitute and disabled persons within the state of Minnesota. In counties having county poor commissions established by law then such poor commission shall administer such duties and expend such funds herein made available for such counties, subject to the approval of the State Emergency Relief Administration.

Sec. 13. Restriction on expenditure of money.—Specific directions are hereby made upon said executive council to not use any of the funds provided for in this act and available for the period ending July 1, 1937, unless it shall appear to said council that an emergency then exists substantially similar to the one now prevailing.

Sec. 14. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act, particularly Laws 1935, Chapter 51, Section 6, except in so far as said section provides for tax levies for the taxable years of 1937 and 1938 and for payment of interest on certificates of indebtedness issued thereunder, are hereby repealed but other than that, said chapter 51 is to remain in force and effect.

Approved January 27, 1936.

CHAPTER 102—H. F. No. 375.

An act to authorize county boards in certain counties to appropriate money for the administration of an act relating to the confession of judgment for delinquent taxes and for the payment of certain taxes in installments.

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

Section 1. Additional clerk hire in certain counties.—The county board of each county having a delinquency at the end of the preceding calendar year in the payment of current real estate taxes due and payable during such preceding year in excess of forty per cent of the aggregate amount of such taxes is hereby authorized to appropriate a sum not in excess of \$1,500, for additional clerical assistance in the office of the county auditor and for other expense incident to the administration of an act relating to the confession of judgment for delinquent taxes and providing for the payment of certain taxes in installments passed by the extra session of the legislature in January, 1936. Such appropriation may be made notwithstanding that the effect thereof may be to exceed the expenditure limitations imposed on such county by other statutes.

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