CHAPTER 208-S. F. No. 193

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes for 1927, Section 2585, Subdivision 3, relating to expenditure of road and bridge funds by the town board upon a legally established cartway.

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

Section 1. Expenditure of road and bridge fund by township. —That Mason's Minnesota Statutes for 1927, Section 2585, subdivision 3, be and the same is amended to read as follows:

"3. Any town board may expend road or bridge funds upon a legally established cartway the same as on town roads if, in the judgment of such board, the public interests require it. Provided, however, that where any town board has refused to allocate funds for the upkeep of a cartway, then upon the petition of ten taxpayers of the township, the town board shall present for the approval of the voters, after due notice, at the annual town meeting such petition for allocation of funds, and at such town meeting the electors of said town shall allow or reject such petition. If the majority of those voting approve said petition for allocation of funds, then the town board shall expend road and bridge funds for such cartway."

Approved April 14, 1937.

CHAPTER 209-H. F. No. 237

An act authorizing the state executive council to extend direct relief, drouth relief, work relief and employment to 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 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; 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 to needy, destitute and disabled persons within the State of Minnesota, 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.—There is hereby appropriated out of the relief fund hereinafter created the sum of \$2,000,000 to be available immediately for the period ending July 1, 1937, for the purpose of aiding in furnishing necessary 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 to distribute money.—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, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, 5, 9, 11 and 12 of Chapter 101, Extra Session Laws of 1935-1936.

Sec. 3. Tax levy for relief purposes.—For the purpose of providing funds with which to discharge the obligations provided by the terms of this act the State Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy upon all taxable property in the state in the same manner in which other state taxes are levied the sum of \$1,700,000 for the taxable year 1937 and \$800,000 for the taxable year 1938, and to levy and collect annually such additional sum as may be needed to meet the interest on the certificates of indebtedness hereinafter authorized. The sum so levied and collected shall be placed to the credit of the fund known as the "Minnesota Public Relief Fund" created pursuant to the provisions of said Chapter 101, Extra Session Laws 1935-1936. Pending the levy and collection of said taxes the Executive Council is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and sell, at not less than par, as funds are needed for the purposes of this act, certificates of indebtedness of the state in an aggregate amount not exceeding 80 per cent of the total taxes so to be levied, exclusive of those to be levied for the payment of interest, which certificates shall be known as Minnesota Public Relief Certificates. shall be numbered consecutively, and shall be in such form and denomination, with or without interest coupons, mature at such time not exceeding three years from the date thereof, bear such rate of

interest not exceeding three per cent per annum, payable semiannually, and be a charge upon and lien against the taxes herein authorized to be levied to such extent and with such priority as the Executive Council shall determine. Such certificates shall be signed by the state treasurer and attested by the state auditor under their respective official seals and the auditor and treasurer shall keep due record thereof. The proceeds of the sale of such certificates shall be credited to said Minnesota Public Relief Fund and said certificates and the interest thereon shall be payable from said fund; provided that such interest as may become due upon said certificates prior to the collection of sufficient taxes to meet the same shall be paid out of the revenue fund and the amount necessary to pay such interest is hereby appropriated.

Sec. 4. State investment board may purchase tax levy 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. 5. Appropriation for fire sufferers.—Out of the moneys appropriated by this act the sum of \$25,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is to be used by the authorities distributing aid to care for fire sufferers in that part of St. Louis County, Minnesota, known as Palo-Markham, which sum is to be distributed and used for the purpose of furnishing materials to rebuild structures destroyed by fire in 1936 and for such other purposes as may to said authorities seem just and proper.

Approved April 14, 1937.

CHAPTER 210-H. F. No. 357

An act to amend General Statutes 1913, Section 824, as amended by Laws 1915, Chapter 133, as amended by Laws 1917, Chapter 474, as amended by Laws 1919, Chapter 304, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1921, Chapter 336, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1923, Chapter 307, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1927, Chapter 420, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1929, Chapter 305 relative to the salaries and employees in the office of the county auditor in all