

his property, the amount paid into or credited to any insurance fund or other reserve against loss or damage by fire. *Such statement shall be furnished by those property owners carrying insurance in companies not licensed by this state not more than thirty days after the issuance of the policy or policies of insurance, and by those property owners not carrying insurance but having an insurance or other reserve fund against loss or damage by fire upon demand of the Commissioner of Insurance, or if no such demand is made, then on or before January 31st of each year.* Every such property owner whose duty it is to make such statement who shall wilfully make a false statement or who shall for thirty days after such demand, neglect to render such statement, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined fifty dollars, one-half of which fine shall be transmitted to the Commissioner of Insurance and shall be disbursed by him as other sums collected under the terms of this Act are disbursed."

Sec. 2. Law amended.—That Extra Session Laws of 1933-34, Chapter 56, Section 2, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. Commissioner may impose tax.—If such insurance has been effected in any company not authorized to do business in this state, or if such owner carries his own insurance fund or reserve, the Commissioner of Insurance shall, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to collect from such property owner such taxes as would equal the taxes on the annual premium which authorized insurance companies would have charged for insuring such property. If not paid upon demand, such per centum may be recovered in a civil action brought in the name of the State."

Sec. 3. Law amended.—That Extra Session Laws of 1933-34, Chapter 56, Section 3, be amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. Disposition of funds collected.—All sums collected under the terms of this Act shall be payable to the respective municipalities or fire department relief associations in the same manner and disbursed for the same purposes as the two (2) per cent state tax on fire insurance premiums."

Approved April 17, 1937.

CHAPTER 259—H. F. No. 1113

An act to amend Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2867, as amended by Laws of 1933, Chapter 431, as amended by Extra Session Laws of 1933, Chapter 45, relating to the sale of bonds by the board of education of unorganized school territory in certain counties.

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

Section 1. **Law amended.**—That Mason's Minnesota Statutes of 1927, Section 2867, as amended by Laws of 1933, Chapter 431, as amended by Extra Session Laws of 1933, Chapter 45, be amended so as to read as follows:

"2867. Bonds may be sold—interest rate.—The board of education of any unorganized territory in the state is hereby authorized and fully empowered by unanimous vote of such board to issue and sell bonds of such unorganized territory for the purpose of providing school sites and school buildings, and *teacherages*, for paying any judgment lawfully rendered against them or for refunding outstanding bonds or floating indebtedness, in such amounts and at such periods as the board may decide; said bonds to be payable in such amounts and at such times, not exceeding twenty years, as the board may determine, with interest thereon not to exceed six per cent (6%) per annum, which bonds shall be signed by the chairman and the treasurer of said board and countersigned by the clerk thereof; provided that the total bonded indebtedness of such unorganized territory shall at no time exceed seven and one-half per cent (7½%) of its assessed valuation. Any bonds issued hereunder shall be sold conformable to the provisions of Section 1856, General Statutes 1913. Provided that in any county of this state now or hereafter having unorganized territory with an assessed valuation of all taxable real and personal property, including money and credits of more than \$2,250,000, and having at any time an area of more than 3,500 square miles, and in any county in this state having a population according to the 1930 federal census of not more than 16,000 nor less than 15,000, and having not more than 77 nor less than 75 full and fractional congressional townships, and having not more than 2,105 nor less than 2,103 square miles in land area, the board of education of such unorganized territory shall have authority, and is hereby empowered, by the unanimous vote of such board, to issue and sell the bonds of such unorganized territory as above provided, for the purpose of providing school sites and school buildings, funding or refunding any floating indebtedness or bonds now or hereafter existing as authorized by the provisions of this section, not exceeding *fifteen per cent (15%)* of the assessed valuation of said unorganized territory, and not exceeding \$350,000 in the aggregate of such bonds, the sale of said bonds to be conformable to the provisions of Section 1943, Mason's Minnesota statutes for 1927, or by contracting with the United States Government for the purchase of said bonds without calling for bids therefor. Provided that no bonds shall be authorized or sold under the provisions of this Act, unless notice shall have first been given to the electors of such unorganized school district setting forth the proposal to issue such bonds, the amount thereof, the rate of interest, the maturity dates thereof, and the pur-

pose for which proceeds of such bonds will be used; and also a description of the project or projects to be undertaken and completed, the estimated cost of each and the estimated total cost, which notice shall be in writing, and signed by the members of the county board of education, and addressed to the electors of such district, and shall specify the date, time, and place of meeting of the county board of education when such proposal shall be considered, and published in one issue of three legal newspapers of general circulation in said district. Said notice shall require any electors having objections, to appear and show cause, if any, why such bonds should not be authorized and sold. The county board of education at the time and place mentioned in said notice shall hear all objections and thereafter shall decide whether such bonds shall be authorized and sold.

Approved April 17, 1937.

CHAPTER 260—S. F. No. 1120

An act authorizing certain special school districts to levy taxes for school purposes and legalizing certain proceedings heretofore made, and repealing all inconsistent acts.

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

Section 1. Tax levy for certain school districts.—Any special school district organized under a special law and having less than six square miles in area and now or hereafter having not less than two thousand inhabitants nor more than five thousand inhabitants is hereby authorized to annually levy for general school purposes a tax of not to exceed thirty-five mills on the dollar of the valuation of all taxable property in said district, according to the preceding official assessment thereof; provided that this act shall not be applicable to any districts the boundaries of which are coterminous with the boundaries of any city.

Sec. 2. Tax levy legalized.—In cases where such school districts have heretofore levied an amount in excess of that provided by law such proceedings are hereby legalized and declared valid.

Sec. 3. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1937.