

(5) *Any income tax payable to an unorganized territory having children living within the boundaries of any disorganized school district which has been consolidated with the unorganized territory, may be used by the County Board of Education, upon an unanimous vote of its members, to pay any bonded or floating indebtedness existing at the time of consolidation with the unorganized territory. The county auditor, upon request of the County Board of Education, shall apply such income tax to such indebtedness of the dissolved district each and every year thereafter, according to the number of pupils reported by the County Superintendent of Schools until such debts have been fully paid. Floating indebtedness shall be paid by the County Board of Education as the situation may seem warranted and when funds are available.*

For the purpose of this section the bonded or other indebtedness to the payment of, or provision for, which the sums distributed must or may be applied shall, in the case of municipalities operating their own school system, be limited to such indebtedness incurred for school purposes.

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

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CHAPTER 398—H. F. No. 1428

An act authorizing and directing the department of conservation to acquire power spraying equipment for the purpose of combatting forest insects; providing for the cooperation of the Minnesota state entomologist; providing for certain charges to be made to private land owners for spraying and providing further for an appropriation therefor.

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

Section 1. **Department of conservation may purchase spraying equipment.**—The department of conservation is authorized and directed to purchase the necessary power spraying equipment for combatting injurious forest insects on state forests, whenever the director of the division of forestry deems it necessary in the interest of good forest management and forest protection of forests to spray the trees for controlling or killing injurious insects. Such spraying may be done in cooperation with the Minnesota State Entomologist.

Section 2. May spray trees on privately owned land.—The commissioner of conservation in cooperation with the Minnesota State Entomologist, is authorized to use said equipment for the spraying of trees on privately owned lands for the purpose of checking or controlling insect epidemic outbreaks which may be injurious to private property, and may make such charges as they shall deem necessary to cover all or part of the cost of such operation, including temporary labor, spray material, gas and oil, and equipment repairs. All moneys received for such spraying are hereby reappropriated to the department of conservation for the purpose of paying the necessary expense in combatting such insect epidemics or outbreaks and for repairing equipment.

Section 3. Appropriation.—The sum of \$9,975 immediately available is hereby appropriated from any monies now in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the department of conservation for the purpose of spraying equipment.

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CHAPTER 399—H. F. No. 1427

An act authorizing the county board of counties having an assessed valuation, not including moneys and credits, of not less than \$2,000,000 nor more than \$4,000,000 and having not less than 75 nor more than 76 full and fractional congressional townships to make tax levies for revenue purposes.

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

Section 1. Township levies for revenue purposes in certain towns.—In any county in this state now or hereafter having an assessed valuation, not including moneys and credits, of not less than \$2,000,000 nor more than \$4,000,000, and having not less than 75 nor more than 76 full and fractional congressional townships, the county board may levy taxes for general revenue purposes at such a rate and in such an amount as will produce sufficient revenue to defray county expenses, payable out of the revenue fund; provided that no levy shall be made at a rate that will produce not more than \$40,000 in taxes actually collected and paid into the revenue fund of said county, which rate calculated to produce said amount shall be based on the percentage of the taxes, currently payable in the preceding year, which have been collected by July 1 of the year in which the levies hereby authorized are made.

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