

CHAPTER 425—H. F. No. 30

An act providing aid to certain school districts and appropriating money therefor.

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

Sec. 1. Aid for certain school districts.—The state shall pay to each school district wherein any lands were exempt from taxation during the years 1935 and 1936, or during any one or more of said years, by reason of the title thereto having been acquired by the state in the operation of the rural credits system, an amount equal to the amount that would have been produced by a tax upon the valuation of such lands, as fixed by the last assessment thereof, at the rate at which non-exempt lands were taxed for such school district purposes, during each of such years as said lands were so exempt from taxation, the amount to be determined as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. County Auditor to certify claims to State Auditor.—The county auditor of any county or counties in which any school district entitled to aid hereunder is situated shall, on or before June 30, 1937, certify to the state auditor a statement of the facts entitling such school district to aid hereunder. Such certificate, in addition to any other information required by the state auditor, shall contain a statement of the following facts:

(a) A list of the lands in such district to which the state had acquired title as hereinbefore set forth, with the date title was so acquired, and if such lands had been sold by the department of rural credits, the date of sale thereof;

(b) The valuation of each tract of such land according to the last assessed valuation thereof;

(c) The rate of the tax levy in mills for such school district purposes during each of said years.

Sec. 3. Shall transmit claims to rural credit department.—The state auditor shall transmit such statement to the department of rural credit which shall check the information given therein and shall certify to the correctness thereof if found correct; otherwise shall make and file with the auditor a certificate correctly setting forth the information above called for so far as revealed by the records of such department.

Sec. 4. Auditor to compute amount of aid.—The state auditor shall thereupon compute the amount of aid to which each such school district is entitled hereunder and shall cause the amount of such aid to be paid to the treasurer of such school district as other moneys of the state are expended.

Sec. 5. **When title is acquired.**—For the purpose of this Act, in the event of foreclosure of mortgages by the state, title is acquired upon the expiration of the period allowed by law for redemption by the mortgagor or lien claimants who have served notice of intention to redeem as provided by law.

Sec. 6. **Certain tax excluded.**—Any land upon which the school district taxes were paid for any of the years mentioned herein shall be excluded for such year in calculating the aid to which any such school district shall be entitled hereunder.

Sec. 7. **What are included in act.**—The words “school district” as used herein shall include all school districts regardless of the manner of organization.

Sec. 8. **Appropriation.**—The unexpended balance remaining of the amounts appropriated by Laws 1931, Chapter 410, Laws 1933, Chapter 406, and Laws 1935, Chapter 323, are hereby reappropriated and the further sum of \$200,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated for the year ending June 30, 1938, to carry out the provisions of this Act. If the amounts herein appropriated are insufficient to pay the aid authorized hereby in full, the State Auditor shall apportion the amount available in proportion to the amounts to which such school districts are entitled as shown by such certificates.

Approved April 24, 1937.

CHAPTER 426—S. F. No. 8

An act relating to valuation of telephone companies and providing a penalty for the violation of this act.

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

Section 1. **Burden of proof to be upon telephone company.**—In any investigation, action or proceeding arising under, or growing out of, an action initiated by the Commission upon its own motion, the burden of proof shall be upon the telephone company to establish the reasonableness of the existing rates.

Section 2. **Telephone companies to pay expense of re-valuation.**—(a) Whenever the Commission, in any rate proceeding initiated in the manner provided in Section 1, shall deem it necessary to ascertain and determine the value of any telephone