

ings and the issuance of bonds for such purpose in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

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

Section 1. Bond issues in certain counties legalized.—In all cases where the board of county commissioners of any county in this state having a population of not less than 25,000 nor more than 30,000 inhabitants according to the last federal census, an assessed valuation for purposes of taxation, exclusive of moneys and credits, of not less than \$14,000,000 nor more than \$18,000,000, and outstanding bonds of not less than \$700,000 nor more than \$1,000,000, has by unanimous vote authorized the issuance of bonds of such county in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$20,000, the proceeds derived from the sale of such bonds to be used for the purpose of constructing a grand stand on the county fair grounds of such county as a Works Progress Administration Project, all proceedings heretofore taken for the issuance and sale of such bonds are hereby legalized and declared to be valid and of full force and effect and the board of county commissioners of any such county is hereby authorized to issue the negotiable coupon bonds of such county for such purpose in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$20,000, provided that such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 2% per annum and shall mature serially, the last installment to be due in not more than six years from their date.

Sec. 2. Not to effect pending actions.—This act shall not apply to or affect any actions or appeals now pending where the validity of any such proceedings is called in question.

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CHAPTER 318—H. F. No. 241

An act to amend Laws 1919, Chapter 66, entitled "An act providing the method of payment of salaries and compensation of county road engineers and other assistants and employes, in any county in this state, now or hereafter having an assessed valuation of over \$250,000,000, exclusive of money and credits, and an area of over 5,000 square miles"; and to amend the title to Laws 1919, Chapter 66.

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

Section 1. Title amended.—The title of Laws 1919, Chapter 66, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "An act entitled 'An act providing the method of payment of salaries and compensation of county road engineers and their assistants and *employees*, in any county in this state, now or hereafter having a *population of more than 150,000 inhabitants* and an area of over 5,000 square miles.'"

Sec. 2. Salaries and compensation of county engineers, etc., in certain counties.—Laws 1919, Chapter 66, Section 1, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 1. In any county in this state now or hereafter having a *population of more than 150,000 inhabitants*, and having an area of not less than 5,000 square miles, in which said county board of said county maintains a county highway engineering organization, composed of a chief highway engineer, assistant engineers, office clerks, draughtsmen, chainmen, and other employes, all under the direction of the county board of said county, the said county board shall by resolution duly adopted at its first meeting after the taking effect of this act and at its annual meeting in January in each year, and as additions and changes shall occur in the personnel of said engineers and employes in said county road engineering department, certify to the county auditor of said county the name, position, compensation and the date from which said compensation shall be paid, of each of such engineers, clerks, chainmen and other employes engaged in said engineering department. On the receipt of any such resolution of said county board certifying the name, position, compensation and date of appointment of said engineers and employes, it shall be the duty of the county auditor of such county to enter the name of every such road engineer and employe in said engineering department on the records of said county auditor, kept for the recording of the names of county officers and their employes and said county road engineers and all their assistants and employes in said road engineering department shall be paid their compensation or salary *semi-monthly* in the same manner as county officials are now paid; and the same shall be in full compensation for all services rendered to such county by said county road engineers, their clerks, assistants and employes."

Sec. 3. Expenses of engineers and employees.—Laws 1919, Chapter 66, Section 2, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 2. The reasonable and necessary expenses of any such engineers, assistants and *employees* in said engineering department, while engaged in the performance of their duties, shall be paid by such county on duly itemized and verified bills in the same manner as other claims against said county are paid."

Approved April 20, 1939.

CHAPTER 319—H. F. No. 315

An act relating to clerk hire in county offices, including the office of probate judge.

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

Section 1. **Clerk hire in county offices in certain counties.**—In all counties of this state where the amount of clerk hire now or hereafter provided by law for any county office, including the office of probate judge, shall be insufficient to meet the requirements of said office, the county officer in need of additional clerk hire shall prepare a petition and statement setting forth therein the amount of additional clerk hire needed and file the same with the county auditor, who shall present the same to the board of county commissioners at the next meeting of said board. If the board of county commissioners shall grant said petition by unanimous vote of all members elected to the board then the amount of additional clerk hire requested in said petition shall thereupon become effective for said office. Said board shall act on any such petition within 60 days from the time it has been filed with the county auditor. If the board of county commissioners shall determine that the amount of additional clerk hire requested in said petition is excessive and more than is necessary for said office, it shall fix the amount of such additional clerk hire to be allowed, if any, and notify such officer thereof. If said county officer or any taxpayer of the county shall be dissatisfied with the decision of the board of county commissioners, he may, at his own expense, within ten days after the decision of said board, appeal to the district court. The district court, either in term or vacation and upon ten days notice to the chairman of the board of county commissioners, shall hear such appeal and summarily determine the amount