

remainder of such construction fund shall be used by the commissioner on the trunk highway system for the acquisition of right of way and for construction purposes on the trunk highway system, provided the same shall be expended among the various sections of the state in equitable proportions as far as practicable in the construction of said unfinished portions of the trunk highway. Provided further, that the commissioner of highways shall have authority to use for construction purposes on the unfinished portions of the trunk highway system any portion of the funds set aside as herein provided that shall not be needed as a part of the fund so set aside, and is further authorized to use any portion of the trunk highway fund, set aside for maintenance in any one county, for construction purposes in such county when not needed for maintenance therein.

"(2) Whenever there shall be a surplus in the trunk highway fund which is not currently needed, the commissioner of highways shall certify to the state board of investment the amount thereof and when it will be needed for highway purposes. Upon receipt of the certification, the state board of investment may invest the amount so certified in bonds or securities of the United States of America, so conditioned as to be convertible into cash without discount through federal government agencies at the option of the state on or before the time when the proceeds will be needed as certified by the commissioner of highways. At or before the time so certified, except as the commissioner of highways may then certify that there is no current need therefor, the board shall proceed to cash such bonds or securities and shall deposit the proceeds in the trunk highway fund. All interest and profit accruing from the bonds or securities shall be credited to and be a part of the trunk highway fund."

Approved January 15, 1943.

CHAPTER 4—H. F. No. 12

An act relating to certain proceedings heretofore taken for the improvement of streets by certain villages and validating such proceedings and authorizing the issuance and sale of certificates of indebtedness and the levy of assessments.

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

Section 1. **Proceedings for improvement of streets invalidated in certain cases.**—In all cases where any village has prior to

December 7, 1941, commenced the improvement of certain streets as a Federal Works Project and where the federal agency abandoned such project prior to its completion; and where owners of not less than 35% of the real property fronting on the streets so improved petitioned for the completion of the improvements thereof; and where, after two weeks' publication of a notice of a council meeting and hearing on the question, the village council determined to complete said improvement; and where the village council has determined that the cost shall be assessed against abutting property and has contracted to sell certificates of indebtedness of the village pursuant to Laws 1919, Chapter 65; all such proceedings are hereby validated and said village is hereby authorized to issue, sell and deliver such certificates of indebtedness and such assessments shall have the same force, effect and validity as they would have had if said proceedings had been taken in strict and full compliance with said Laws 1919, Chapter 65.

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

Approved January 22, 1943.

CHAPTER 5—H. F. No. 11

(AMENDING SECTION 168.40 MINNESOTA STATUTES 1941.)

An act relating to the issuance of chauffeurs' licenses, amending Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 2712-2.

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

Section 1. Law amended.—Mason's Supplement 1940, Section 2712-2, is amended to read as follows:

2712-2. Secretary of State to establish chauffeur licenses division.—The secretary of state shall establish a chauffeurs' license division in the motor vehicle department of his office for the purpose of ascertaining and determining the qualifications of applicants for chauffeurs' licenses, and shall conduct examinations of applicants for such license at such times and places as he shall designate, and shall issue licenses only to such applicants as shall have attained the age of 18 years and shall be found to have a practical knowledge of the construction, mechanism and operation of motor vehicles and a sufficient knowledge of the traffic laws of this state, and other needful qualifications, to enable him to drive