

(9) An abstract of title, 40 cents for every transfer, and \$1.00 for certificate. In all counties where the compensation of the register of deeds is not fixed by special laws, having a population of over 19,000, and not exceeding 75,000, where the report of the register of deeds, made pursuant to section 382.05, shows that he received as fees in the preceding calendar year less than \$2,000, the county board of any such county shall thereupon pay to the register of deeds, from the county revenue fund, enough money to make the compensation of the register of deeds \$2,000 for the preceding calendar year; and in all counties having a population of over 10,000, and not exceeding 19,000, where such report of the register of deeds shows that he received as fees in the preceding calendar year less than \$1,500, the county board of any such county shall thereupon pay to the register of deeds, from the county fund, enough money to make the compensation of the register of deeds \$1,500 for the preceding calendar year; and in all counties having a population of 10,000, or less, where the report of the register of deeds shows he received as fees in the preceding calendar year less than \$1,200, the county board of any such county shall thereupon pay to the register of deeds, from the county fund, enough money to make the compensation of the register of deeds \$1,200 for the preceding calendar year.

This section shall not apply to counties having a population of more than 75,000, nor to any county where such fees are now fixed by special law.

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CHAPTER 459—H. F. No. 707

An act authorizing the expenditures of funds by a county and city of the first class, having a joint city hall and court house, for the maintenance and improvement of meeting halls or quarters in an auditorium of said city, for the use of veterans and veterans' organizations, including World War II veterans therein; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 374.21.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 374.21, is hereby amended to read as follows:

374.21. Auditorium in new building; provide meeting places for military organizations. If any such city desires to construct an auditorium, such building may be included in the court house and city hall building if the board of county commissioners shall agree thereto and an agreement is reached between such board and the council of such city as to the cost of such addition to the court house and city hall building, and the entire amount of such additional cost arising from the inclusion of such auditorium building in the court house and city hall building shall be borne by such city. Nothing herein contained shall require that in the event such auditorium is made a part of the city hall and court house building the city shall sell any existing auditorium building. In the event the auditorium is included in the city hall and court house building, the management and control of such auditorium shall not be vested in the joint committee hereinbefore provided for to manage the city hall and court house building, but the management and control of the auditorium shall be vested in such city. Any additional expense in the care, upkeep, and maintenance of the courthouse and city hall building arising from the inclusion of such an auditorium shall be borne by such city.

The city council of any such city issuing and selling bonds as herein authorized for the purpose of defraying the expense of acquiring land for erecting, equipping, and furnishing any such joint court house and city hall building is hereby authorized and empowered without reference to any such advisory court house and city hall building commission or other public body or bodies to reconstruct, remodel, and improve the theater section of any municipal auditorium building located in any such city and to defray the expense, not in excess of the sum of \$25,000, of reconstructing, remodeling, and improving the theater section of any such building from the balance of the proceeds of the issuance and sale by such city of any such bonds, remaining after the expense of acquiring land for erecting, equipping, and furnishing any such joint court house and city hall building has been defrayed, as herein provided.

The county board of any such county issuing and selling bonds as herein authorized for the purpose of defraying the expense of acquiring land for erecting, equipping, and furnishing any such joint court house and city hall building is hereby authorized and empowered, without reference to any such advisory court house and city hall building commission, to appropriate and expend not more than \$10,000 for the funds provided by the sale of such bonds for the purpose of

equipping any municipal auditorium building situated in any city of the first class located within any such county.

If, in the opinion of the city council and county board, it is inadvisable to provide meeting halls or quarters in the city hall and court house, for organizations the membership whereof is composed of persons who served the United States in the army, navy, or marine corps in the Civil War, Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection, Boxer Uprising, Chinese Relief Expedition, *World War I and World War II*, and for the auxiliaries to or of those organizations, and in the opinion of those bodies such halls or quarters should be provided, the county board and city council may provide not to exceed *the sum total of \$20,000 to be expended in 1947 or any year subsequent thereto out of the balances remaining in the funds referred to in Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 374.23* for the improving of such halls or quarters in a municipally-owned auditorium building for such organizations and their auxiliaries. In the event halls or quarters in a municipal auditorium are improved for the use of such organizations and their auxiliaries, such halls and quarters shall be under the sole control and management of the same persons or committees as manage the city hall and court house building; and all costs of heating, lighting, and operation of such halls or quarters shall be the expense of such persons or committees; provided, that the last named persons or committees may, if they so elect, direct such organizations and their auxiliaries to form a joint housing or other proper committee to represent and act for such organizations and their auxiliaries in all matters relating to such halls and quarters and to prepare and adopt rules and regulations prescribing the time when, manner in which, and conditions under which such halls or quarters or portions thereof shall be used by the several organizations and auxiliaries; and provided further, that in the event such joint housing or other committee be formed, any rules or regulations by it adopted shall, before becoming effective, be approved by the persons or committees having control and management of such halls or quarters.

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