CHAPTER 133-H. F. No. 1315

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An act relating to hospitals for chronic and convalescent patients in certain counties; providing for the issuance of bonds therefor and tax levies for such purposes; and validating certain tax levies heretofore made.

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

Section 1. Certain counties may acquire or erect suitable buildings for hospitals. The county board of any county in this state, now or hereafter, having an assessed valuation of over \$125,000,000, a population of over 150,000 inhabitants, and an area of over 5,000 square miles, is hereby authorized to acquire by gift, purchase, or condemnation proceedings instituted in the name of the county one or more suitable sites, to erect suitable buildings thereon and to equip and maintain the same as hospitals for chronic and convalescent patients without submitting the same to a vote of the people of said county.

Sec. 2. Tax levy authorized; bonds authorized. In addition to all taxes now authorized, the County board of any such county is hereby authorized to levy a tax for these purposes in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 in the year 1949, the proceeds of which shall be paid into a county hospital fund and shall be expended pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of 1941, Chapter 118. In addition thereto, the county board upon a resolution adopted by a 5/7ths vote may issue and sell not to exceed \$850,000 in bonds to assist in financing the cost of acquiring such sites and acquiring and equipping such hospital and hospitals. Such bonds shall be known as county hospital bonds and shall be general obligations of the county and shall be issued and sold and tax levies for the payment thereof made in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 475.23-475.32 as amended, except that the approval of the electors shall not be required and that the last maturity of said bonds shall not be later than five years from the date of issue and the county board may fix the serial maturities in such amounts as they deem advisable without reference to the requirements of said law. The proceeds from the sale of such bonds shall be credited to the county hospital fund by the county auditor in such county.

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Sec. 3. Certain levies validated. All levies of taxes heretofore made by the county board for use by the county welfare board for hospital purposes are hereby legalized; the proceeds of such levies shall be transferred and credited to the county hospital fund; the county board is hereby authorized to appropriate and expend the same for the purposes above set forth pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1941, Chapter 118.

Sec. 4. County board may operate or lease. The county board of any county having acquired sites and erected and equipped buildings for hospital purposes as herein provided, may operate such hospital or hospitals or it may delegate said authority to operate same to some agency of said county, or if the board of county commissioners determines by resolution that it is to the best interest of the county, it may lease to responsible hospital associations, such hospital sites and buildings upon terms it deems advisable.

Sec. 5. **Repealer.** Laws of 1947, Chapter 298, is hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 134-H. F. No. 63

[Coded as 507.335]

An act giving to instruments affecting real estate recorded or filed without proper attestation or acknowledgment, and to the filing and the records of such instruments, the same force and effect as if no such defect appeared in such instruments or records.

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

[507.335] Section 1. [Subdivision 1.] Defect in or absence of attestation clause not to affect constructive notice; curative. In any case where an instrument affecting the title to real estate, or authorizing an act affecting the title to real estate, was heretofore or is hereafter filed for record and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds or filed in the office of the Registrar of Titles of the county in this state wherein the real estate, or any part thereof, is situated, and there is apparent on the face of the instrument or the record thereof a