

Sec. 2. Requirement of home rule charter. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing any city council to issue bonds by less majority vote than is required in any such purported home rule charter.

Sec. 3. Remedial. It is expressly found and determined that this act is remedial in nature, being necessary to protect the welfare and financial credit of such cities and this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Approved February 25, 1949.

CHAPTER 43—S. F. No. 746

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the commissioner of administration to purchase certain lands and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. State purchase of property for Owatonna state school. The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized to purchase in the name of the State of Minnesota for use in connection with the Owatonna State School, at a cost not exceeding \$72,000, the following described land situated in the county of Steele, state of Minnesota, to-wit:

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter and the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Eight and the North Half of the Northeast Quarter and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, all in Township 107 North, Range 20 West;

together with the buildings situated thereon; provided that the attorney general shall give his opinion that the title to the land is good and marketable and free from all liens and encumbrances and shall approve the deed of conveyance.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the commissioner of administration out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$72,-

000 or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of this act.

Approved February 25, 1949.

CHAPTER 44—S. F. No. 16

An act amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 231.20, relating to service of pleadings in matters before the railroad and warehouse commission.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 231.20, is amended to read as follows:

231.20. Answer. The respondent may file and serve by mail, upon the complainant *and the commission*, within 20 days after the service of the order, an answer alleging that it has already granted the relief demanded, or setting up any matter of defense. If the answer alleges the granting of the relief the complainant shall *serve by mail upon the respondent and the commission*, within 20 days, *its* reply admitting or denying such allegation. If *complainant* fails to reply, or admits the allegation, the proceedings shall be dismissed.

Approved February 26, 1949.

CHAPTER 45—S. F. No. 22

An act relating to reduction or abatement of assessed valuations or taxes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 270.07.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 270.07, is amended to read:

270.07. Powers and duties of commissioner of taxation. The commissioner of taxation shall prescribe the form of all