

other lands from the State of Minnesota on the instalment plan shall be terminated or canceled for non-payment of instalments except as provided herein.

Any person in the *armed forces* of the United States, who, as vendee, in any contract with the State of Minnesota for the purchase of tax-forfeited or other lands, is in default on any instalment, or is unable to pay any instalment or instalments thereafter becoming due, and desires to retain his or her rights under said contract, and such contract has not heretofore been canceled and the land sold, shall during the period of military service file, or cause to be filed by an adult, with knowledge of the facts, with the county auditor or other state agency, having charge of said contract, an affidavit, giving the legal description of said lands, and the number, if any, of said contract, and stating that the vendee in said contract is in the military service of the United States, the branch of the service, the date of enlistment or induction, and that said vendee desires to retain his or her rights under said contract. If said affidavit is filed within the time herein limited and provided, said contract shall remain in full force and effect, notwithstanding any default or non-payment of any instalment or instalments thereunder, for six months after the vendee's discharge from the military service. If said vendee fails to pay all delinquent instalments within six months after his or her discharge, then in such event said contract may be canceled and terminated as provided by law.

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CHAPTER 35 H. F. No. 410

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*An act authorizing certain cities of the fourth class to issue certificates of indebtedness to meet deficiencies in the general fund in certain instances and providing for a tax levy to retire such certificates.*

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

**Section 1. Certificates of indebtedness, cities of fourth class; tax levy.** In any city of the fourth class in which the

public utilities commission has made annual transfers from the utility fund to the general fund prior to 1950, and in which no such transfer has been made since 1949 because of litigation challenging the authority of the public utilities commission to do so, the city council may, by resolution adopted by a five-sevenths vote of all its members, issue certificates of indebtedness of the city in an amount not exceeding \$200,000 in order to meet a current and anticipated deficit in the general fund. The certificates shall be authorized no later than December 31, 1951, and shall be issued and sold at such times and in such manner as the council shall direct. They shall be payable serially in annual installments as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.54, and the last installment shall come due in no more than six years from the date of the certificates. Prior to delivery of the certificates an annual tax for the payment of principal and interest shall be spread upon the taxable property of the city in compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61.

**Sec. 2. Remedial.** It is expressly found and determined that this act is remedial in nature, being necessary to protect the financial credit of such city.

**Sec. 3. Exercise of powers.** Any city to which this act applies at the time of its passage may exercise the powers granted by this act notwithstanding a subsequent change in its statutory classification.

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#### CHAPTER 36—H. F. No. 513

*An act relating to the organization and administration of state government; the powers of the commissioner of administration and competitive bidding, amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 16.07, by adding new provisions thereto.*

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

**Section 1.** Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 16.07, is hereby amended by adding the following new subdivision :