

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.

Approved March 2, 1951.

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:

Subd. 9. Purchases of supplies, no competitive bids. Until May 1, 1953, the Commissioner of Administration, with the approval of the executive council, may establish by regulation categories of supplies, materials, or equipment which may be purchased in the open market, provided that the commissioner of administration shall certify after investigation that he cannot secure competitive bids therefor. The executive council may withdraw its approval of the establishment of any such category and thereupon purchases thereof shall be made in the manner otherwise provided by law.

Approved March 2, 1951.

CHAPTER 37—S. F. No. 30

An act repealing Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 3.41, relating to the legislative research committee.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 3.41, is hereby repealed.

Approved March 6, 1951.

CHAPTER 38—S. F. No. 100

An act authorizing towns to vote funds for commemorative purposes.

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

365.106. Section 1. **Commemorative, appropriation.** In any town, at its annual town meeting or at any special town meeting properly called for that purpose, a sum may be voted for the purpose of ascertaining, collecting, preserving, printing, publishing, and distributing data and material pertaining to the history of the town for the purpose of commemorating