

repurchase shall be subject to any easement, lease or other encumbrance granted by the state prior thereto.

Approved April 21, 1953.

CHAPTER 472—H. F. No. 26

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the city council or other governing body of any city of the first class which city operates under a charter which contains a per capita limitation upon expenditures to fix and refix the salaries of officers and employees not elected by vote of the electors of such cities.

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

Section 1. **St. Paul; salaries of non-elective officers fixed by ordinance.** In any city of the first class in the State of Minnesota, which city operates under a charter which contains a per capita limitation upon expenditures, commencing as of May 1, 1953, the city council or other governing body in such city is hereby authorized and empowered, by ordinance, to fix, and from time to time refix, the salaries of all officers and employees of such cities who are not elected by a vote of the electors of such cities.

Sec. 2. **Charter provisions not to govern.** Such power and authority may be exercised by such city councils or other governing bodies regardless of the provisions of any law or charter in conflict herewith. Any authority, and any salary increase granted under the authority of this act, shall terminate June 1, 1955.

Approved April 21, 1953.

CHAPTER 473—H. F. No. 30

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing cities, villages and towns to levy a tax to support public recreation and playgrounds.

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

Section 1. **Cities, villages, and towns in Crow Wing County, levy for public recreation and playgrounds.** Whenever any city, village or town in which the assessed valuation consists of more than 55 percent iron ore, or where a city having more than 10,000 population, according to the 1950

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federal census, which is located in a county having over 30,000 and less than 32,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census and having over 40 and less than 50 full and fractional congressional townships, operates a program of public recreation and playgrounds or other recreational facilities and expends funds for the operation of such program pursuant to the provisions of sections 471.15 to 471.19, in addition to funds otherwise provided for such program, the governing body of such city, village or town is authorized to levy a tax in excess of any charter or statutory limitation for the support of such program of public recreation and playgrounds as follows:

(a) In cities and villages the council or governing body may levy a tax of not exceeding two mills and not exceeding \$3 per capita and not exceeding \$15,000.

(b) In towns the governing body may levy a tax of not exceeding two mills and not exceeding \$10,000.

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CHAPTER 474—H. F. No. 75

An act relating to gross earnings aid to certain school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 128.22, Subdivision 1.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 128.22, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

128.22 Gross earnings aid. Subdivision 1. Computation. When the properties of any school district in this state are made up, to the extent of at least 20 percent in value, of property which is exempt from local taxation because taxes thereon are paid into the state treasury under the provisions of the gross earnings tax law, such district shall receive annually a refund from such gross earnings taxes in the amount that would be produced by a tax on such exempt property at the current tax rate for school purposes in the school district, *including the rate for non-resident high school children levied by the county.* For the purposes of determining the amount of this refund, the value of such exempt property shall be set at *30 percent* of its full and true value except that in no case shall the assessed value of said exempt property for this purpose exceed such an amount as when added to the assessed value of all other property in the school district exceed \$2,600 per resident pupil unit. In the determination of the amounts