

Section 1. **School districts, bonds for building purposes, tax levy.** Any school district now or hereafter having a population of more than 10,000 and less than 20,000, and an assessed valuation in excess of \$20,000,000 may issue and sell its bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$250,000 for the purpose of constructing, rebuilding or rehabilitating schoolhouses or additions thereto. Such bonds shall be issued and sold in the manner provided by law except that they may be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the members of the school board without the question being submitted to the electors of the district. The district may levy taxes for the payment of such bonds and interest thereon in excess of any existing limitations upon the tax levies of such district. The authority granted by this act shall be in addition to and not a limitation upon any other powers of the district with respect to the issuance and payment of bonds.

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CHAPTER 540—S. F. No. 1366

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to acquisition of sites and issuance of bonds for school building purposes in certain school districts and the levy of taxes for the payment thereof.*

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

Section 1. **Independent school districts with 50% anticipated increase in school enrollment.** The construction of commercial plants for the mining and concentration of taconite, as defined in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 298.23, has resulted in increasing to an unusual degree the demand for school facilities in certain school districts in order to take care of greatly increased school enrollments resulting therefrom. This act is applicable to all independent school districts within whose limits a taconite plant or plants are under construction with a planned capacity upon completion in excess of 5,000,000 tons of taconite concentrates per year, and in which districts the anticipated increase in school enrollment, as a result of the construction and operation of said plants, exceeds 50% of the school enrollment immediately prior to the commencement of such construction. The adoption of a resolution by the school board determining that there is under construction within the limits of such district a taconite plant with a planned capacity in excess of the tonnage hereinbefore set forth, and that the anticipated increase in school enrollment as a result thereof

will exceed the percentage hereinabove set forth shall be prima facie evidence of such facts, and, in the absence of legal proceedings to enjoin the issuance of bonds hereunder, shall be conclusive evidence of such fact.

**Sec. 2. Bonds for additional school buildings.** Any such school district may issue its bonds to provide funds for the construction, equipment and furnishing of additional and supplemental high school and other school buildings, including the acquisition and improvement of sites therefor, and for remodeling existing high school and other school buildings, deemed necessary because of the existence of such facts, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,300,000, and may use the proceeds of the sale thereof for the construction, equipment and furnishing of such buildings and the acquisition and improvement of such sites, and for such remodeling, including payment of architects' and engineers' and legal fees incidental thereto. Except as hereinafter specifically permitted, such bonds shall be authorized, issued, sold, executed and delivered in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes 1953, Chapter 475. They may be issued on resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members of the board of such district without a vote of the electors of said district. A resolution of the board levying taxes for the payment of said bonds and interest thereon as hereinafter authorized and pledging the proceeds of such levies for the payment of such bonds and interest thereon shall be deemed to be compliance with the provisions of such chapter with respect to the levying of taxes for the payment thereof. Such bonds and interest thereon shall mature serially in not less than ten nor more than fifteen annual installments, the first of which annual installments shall be payable within not more than four years after the date of issuance. No such annual installment of principal payable in any year shall exceed by more than twenty-five per cent the smallest of such annual installments. No vote of the electors shall be necessary to authorize the location, purchase or acquisition of such sites or the construction or remodeling of such buildings.

**Sec. 3. Taxable property. Subdivision 1. Taconite plants and lands.** The taconite plants and lands upon which located or which are used in connection therewith and the buildings, machinery, equipment, and other fixtures used in the production of taconite, as referred to and defined in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 298.23 to 298.28, both inclusive, located in any such school district are hereby made subject to taxes for payment of 65 per cent of the principal of and interest on any and all bonds issued under authority of this act, anything in said sections to the contrary notwithstanding. In event such properties are all owned by one person, it shall not be necessary

to make any determination of the value thereof. In event such properties are owned by more than one person, the taxes shall be apportioned annually between them by the county auditor on the basis of the relative values thereof owned by each, upon such investigation of the facts as the auditor shall deem necessary. The taxes levied in accordance with this act shall be billed to and collected from such person or persons at the same time and in the same manner as taxes levied in and for such school district upon real property subject to taxation therein.

**Subd. 2. Tax levy.** After the sale and before the delivery of any bonds under authority of this act, the school board shall, by resolution, levy upon all of the property described in subdivision 1 located in such school district a direct, general tax for each year of the term of the bonds in amounts such that, if collected in full, they will produce the amounts needed to meet when due 65 per cent of the principal and interest payments on the bonds. A copy of such resolution shall be filed and the taxes so levied shall be extended, assessed and collected and remitted as nearly as may be in the manner specified in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 475.61. Such levies shall not be included in computing permissible levies under Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 275.12, or any amendments thereof.

**Subd. 3. Ad valorem tax.** In addition to the levies made in accordance with subdivision 2 hereof, the school board shall at the same time, by resolution, levy on all the taxable property in the school district other than on which the levy under subdivision 2 is made, a direct, annual, ad valorem tax for each year of the term of the bonds in amounts such that, if collected in full, they will produce the amounts needed to meet when due 35 per cent of the principal and interest payments on the bonds. A copy of such resolution shall be filed, and the taxes so levied shall be extended, assessed, and collected and remitted as nearly as may be in the manner specified in Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 475.61. Such levies shall not be included in computing permissible levies under Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 275.12, or any amendments thereof.

**Subd. 4. Full faith and credit bonds.** The bonds issued under authority of this act shall be the general obligations of the school district, for which its full faith and credit and unlimited taxing powers shall be pledged, and, in event there shall be any deficiencies in the collections of the taxes levied pursuant to subdivisions 2 or 3 hereof, the deficiencies shall be made good by general levies on all taxable properties in the district in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 475.74, and if any such deficiency levies are found necessary the school

board is empowered to effect a temporary loan or loans on certificates of indebtedness issued in anticipation thereof for the purpose of meeting payments of principal or interest on the bonds due or about to become due.

Sec. 4. The authority to issue bonds under this act shall expire on January 1, 1958.

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CHAPTER 541—S. F. No. 1375

[Not Coded]

*An act fixing the salaries of the members of the civil service commission in any city having not less than 450,000 inhabitants.*

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

Section 1. **Minneapolis, salaries of civil service commissioners.** In any city having not less than 450,000 inhabitants the annual salary of each member of the civil service commission is \$1,500. This amount is payable in monthly installments beginning January 1, 1955.

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CHAPTER 542—S. F. No. 1377

[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the salary of the tax clerk in probate court in any county now or hereafter having a population of 600,000 or over; amending Laws 1953, Chapter 155, Section 3.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1953, Chapter 155, Section 3, is amended to read :

Sec. 3. **Probate court, salary of tax clerk.** The tax clerk shall receive from the county as compensation for his services an annual salary not to exceed \$5,400 payable from the general funds not otherwise appropriated. The county shall furnish him with a suitable office in the court house or other suitable place designated by the judge.

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