In any county having an area of not less than 1,700, and not more than 2,000, square miles, and having not less than 50, and not more than 60, full or fractional government townships, and having an assessed valuation of not less than \$1,750,000, and not more than \$3,000,000, the county board thereof, by unanimous vote thereof, may transfer 60 percent of the money so appropriated to the county from the county aid road and bridge fund of the county to the general road and bridge fund of the county.

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## CHAPTER 578—H. F. No. 1538 [Coded]

An act authorizing the issuing of bonds for the betterment of schoolhouses and the levying of taxes therefor.

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

Section 1. [125.38] School boards, bonds for improveing schoolhouses. [Subdivision 1.] The school board of any school district in which more than 50 percent of the valuation consists of iron ore may issue bonds for the betterment of schoolhouses not in excess of the following amounts:

(a) In school districts having a population of not more than 6,500, the total amount shall not exceed \$75,000;

(b) In school districts having a population of more than 6,500, the total amount shall not exceed \$100,000.

Sec. 2. [Subd. 2.] Such bonds shall be issued and sold pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Chapter 475, except that the bonds authorized herein may be issued by resolution of the school board without first obtaining the approval or a vote of the electors.

Sec. 3. [Subd. 3.] The school board may levy taxes for the payment of such bonds without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of existing limitations and the moneys collected on such tax levies shall be used only for the payment of the bonds authorized herein.

Sec. 4. [Subd. 4.] The term "betterment" includes reconstruction, extension, improvement, repair, remodeling,

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lighting, equipping, furnishing, painting, school garages and heating plants.

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## CHAPTER 579—H. F. No. 1541 [Not Coded].

An act authorizing certain villages to incur indebtedness and issue bonds for building purposes without regard to certain limitations prescribed by Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 275.11.

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

Villages, community recreational buildings; Section 1. bonds. Any village having an assessed valuation of real and personal property in excess of \$2,000,000 and not exceeding \$2,500,000 and a population according to the 1950 Federal census in excess of 1,300 may incur indebtedness and issue bonds to construct and equip a community building for recreational purposes in an amount not exceeding \$37,500. Such bonds shall be issued pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1953, Chapter 475. Taxes may be levied for the payment of such bonds and interest thereon, and, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, such portion of the tax levies for the payment of said bonds as does not exceed 50 percent of the principal and interest of such bonds and in no event in excess of an aggregate amount of \$12,500 and interest thereon may be made in excess of any limitations provided by law.

Sec. 2. Village and town not separated from village may join in recreational building. Where such village operates a program of recreation pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 471.15 to 471.19 in conjunction with a town not separated from such village for assessment and election purposes and having an assessed valuation in excess of \$20,000,000, such village and town may join together in the construction and maintenance of such community building for recreational purposes for the use of the inhabitants of each of such municipalities upon such terms and manner as they may mutually agree.

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