

Sec. 4. **Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated to the commissioner of administration the sum of \$30,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary from the seed potato inspection fund for the purposes of this act.

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CHAPTER 584—H. F. No. 1131

[Coded]

An act relating to county bonds to match federal funds for the construction or improvement of roads.

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

Section 1. [373.045] **County roads, bonds.** Any county may issue county road bonds to a total amount not exceeding \$250,000 for the purpose of providing funds to match federal funds allocated or to be allocated to said county for the construction or improvement of roads. Such bonds shall be issued as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, and all of the provisions of said chapter except such bonds shall not be included in computing the net debt of such county.

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CHAPTER 585—H. F. No. 1132

[Not Coded]

An act creating an interim committee to investigate and study all matters relating to the distribution among counties and among other municipalities and ratio of expenditure between urban and rural upon trunk highways of the proceeds of any gas or motor vehicle tax available therefor under present provisions of the constitution or as may be authorized by any amendment to the constitution submitted by this session of the legislature, to make such recommendations as the facts may warrant and appropriating money for the purpose of this act.

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

Section 1. **Interim commission to study distribution of gasoline taxes or motor vehicle license taxes, creation.** A Commission is hereby created to investigate and study all matters relating to:

(1) The formulation of a fair, equitable and definite formula for use in determining the distribution among the several counties of the state of the proceeds of any gasoline tax or motor vehicle license tax now available for distribution among the counties for highway purposes under Articles 16 and 9 of the Constitution or such as may be available for distribution among the counties by reason of any proposed amendment of the Constitution concerning said matters submitted by this session of the legislature.

(2) The formulation of a fair, equitable and definite formula for use in determining the distribution among the several cities, villages and boroughs of the state of the share of the proceeds of any gasoline tax or motor vehicle license tax made available to the cities, villages and boroughs or any of them as the case may be for highway purposes by reason of any proposed amendment of the Constitution submitted by this session of the legislature.

(3) The necessity, propriety and advisability of further regulating by law the expenditure of trunk highway funds so as to provide for the amounts or proportions thereof that permissibly may or mandatorily must be expended in the construction and maintenance of trunk highways both outside of and within the corporate limits of cities, villages and boroughs and such other and further regulation by law concerning the expenditure and use of said fund in the construction and maintenance of trunk highways as this Commission shall deem necessary, expedient or advisable considering first the trunk highway fund as it now is established by Article 16 of the Constitution consisting of two-thirds of the gas tax and second considering separately any trunk highway fund made up of all or part of any gas or motor vehicle tax made available for trunk highway purposes by reason of any proposed amendment of the Constitution submitted by this session of the legislature.

Sec. 2. Duties. The commission shall make a comprehensive, detailed and complete investigation and study of all the factors and circumstances incidental to and reasonably necessary for its determination of what further regulations by law, if any, should be imposed on the expenditure of trunk highway funds within and outside of cities, villages and boroughs and otherwise and for its determination of a formula for an equitable, fair, reasonable and just distribution of the proceeds of any gas or motor vehicle license tax among the several counties of the state and among the several cities, villages and boroughs of the state all within the mandates of the Constitution of this state as it is now written and also under any proposed amendment to the Constitution submitted by this session of the legislature.

Sec. 3. Membership. The Commission hereby created is to consist of five members of the Senate to be appointed by the committee on committees and five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the speaker. The appointment of such Commission shall be made upon the passage of this act. Any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Commission shall be filled by the appointing power.

Sec. 4. Meetings, officers. The Commission may hold meetings at such times and places as it may designate. It shall select a chairman, a vice-chairman and such other officers from its membership as it may deem necessary.

Sec. 5. Testimonial powers. The Commission may subpoena witnesses and records, and employ such assistants as it deems necessary to effectually perform its duties. It may do all the things necessary and convenient to enable it to adequately accomplish its purposes.

Sec. 6. Report to legislature. The Commission shall make a report to the Legislature not later than September 1, 1956, setting forth its findings as a result of such investigation and study and shall make such recommendations as it deems proper in an effort to assist the Legislature in the formulation of a fair and just system and formula for the distribution among the several counties and among the several cities, villages and boroughs of the state of the proceeds of said gasoline and motor vehicle taxes and what if any further or other regulation by law should be imposed concerning the expenditures made from the trunk highway fund in the construction and maintenance of trunk highways generally and their expenditures and the amount or proportion thereof to be made within or outside of cities, villages and boroughs.

Sec. 7. Expenses, reimbursement. The members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 8. Appropriation. The sum of \$10,000 is hereby appropriated from the trunk highway fund in the state treasury and \$10,000 is hereby appropriated from the state road and bridge fund in the state treasury or proportionately so much thereof as may be necessary all to the Commission in this act created for use in performing the duties imposed under the provisions of this act. For the payment of such expenses the Commission shall draw its warrants upon the state treasurer, which warrants shall be signed by the chairman and at least two other members of the commission and the state auditor shall then approve and the state treasurer pay such warrants as and when presented. A general summary or statement

of expenses incurred by the Commission and paid shall be included with the commission's report.

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CHAPTER 586—H. F. No. 1148

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An act authorizing any city of the first class having a population of not less than 300,000 inhabitants and not more than 450,000 inhabitants in which city is located an abandoned cemetery, defining abandoned cemetery and providing for disinterment of the bodies located therein and re-interment in other cemeteries.

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

Section 1. State to convey certain land to city of St. Paul. The governor and the state auditor are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a deed conveying any and all interest of the state of Minnesota in and to the following described real estate situated in the County of Ramsey, to wit:

Lot 31, Lake Como Villas, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the register of deeds in and for said county, to the City of St. Paul as grantee.

Sec. 2. Removal of human bodies. The grantee is authorized and upon resolution of the governing body shall remove from the above described land any and all human bodies which may be found to have been interred therein and shall reinter such bodies in any appropriate cemetery selected by said governing body.

Sec. 3. Use of land for playground purposes. The grantee is authorized to utilize the land conveyed for public park and playground purposes upon removal of bodies interred therein.

Sec. 4. Limitations on actions. In any action affecting the title to the above described land, no claim may be asserted which is based on the invalidity of any forfeiture proceedings for nonpayment of taxes unless such claim is asserted in an action commenced within 60 days of the passage of this act.

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