CHAPTER 610—H. F. No. 740

An act relating to county nursing homes for the care of chronically ill and convalescent persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 376.55, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 376.55, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Establishment. Subd. 2. The county board of any county, or any group of counties acting jointly, may establish a nursing home as provided in sections 376.55 to 376.66, by converting suitable existing county-owned buildings, or by leasing suitable premises for a term of not to exceed 15 years with suitable provisions in the instrument of leasing for additional terms of not to exceed 15 years exercisable at the election and option of the lessee or lessees, or by acquiring by gift, purchase, or condemnation proceedings instituted in the name of the county, or counties, a suitable site, and erecting suitable buildings thereon, and to equip and maintain the same as a nursing home for chronically ill and convalescent persons; provided, however, that no new site shall be established or a new building constructed for a nursing home unless such question is submitted to a referendum vote of the people in the county or a group of counties acting jointly, and a majority of the people voting on such question shall approve the same, as provided by Minnesota Statutes, Section 376.04, as in the case of county hospitals.

Approved April 20, 1955.

CHAPTER 611-H. F. No. 746

An act relating to the state teachers retirement fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 135.06, Subdivision 1, and 135.10, Subdivision 6.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 135.06, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

135.06 Payments by members. Subdivision 1. Each member of the fund, except teachers who have resumed teaching after drawing an annuity, shall pay into the fund a sum equivalent to six percent of her annual salary, no payment to exceed \$288 per year, but for not more than 40 years, payable

in the manner and at the times hereinafter provided. The payments shall be credited to the account of the teacher paying the same.

- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 135.10, Subdivision 6 is amended to read:
- If, during the fifteenth or any subsequent year of teaching service, any member of the fund shall become totally disabled and the board shall determine that such member is permanently disqualified to render teaching service, as herein provided, such member shall, on written application to the board, be paid the amount to her credit as teachers' savings or may use this amount to purchase from the fund an annuity which shall be equivalent in amount to the annuity that may be purchased with 30 years of teachers savings at the rate of six percent of the average salary earned during any five consecutive salary years when salary was highest, together with interest thereon at the rate current during the year of her disability, compounded annually. If such teacher shall elect to purchase an annuity, as hereinbefore provided, the state shall at the time of the payment of such annuity pay to the teacher or designated beneficiary an amount equivalent to such annuity to be paid from the state funds hereinafter provided.

Approved April 20, 1955.

CHAPTER 612—H. F. No. 805

An act relating to taxation of real estate; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 282.241, 282.251.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 282.241, is amended to read:

282.241 Repurchase after forfeiture for taxes. The owner at the time of forfeiture or his heirs, devisees, or representatives, or any person to whom the right to pay taxes was given by statute, mortgage, or other agreement, may repurchase on or before November 1, 1955, any parcel of land claimed by the state to be forfeited to the state for taxes unless prior to the time repurchase is made such parcel shall have been sold by the state as provided by law, or is under mineral prospecting permit or lease, or proceedings have been commenced by the state or any of its political subdivisions or by the United States to condemn such parcel of land. Said parcel of land may be repurchased for a sum equal to the aggregate