

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 334.01, is amended to read:

**334.01. Rate of interest.** The interest for any legal indebtedness shall be at the rate of \$6 upon \$100 for a year, unless a different rate is contracted for in writing; and no person shall directly or indirectly take or receive in money, goods, or things in action, or in any other way, any greater sum, or any greater value, for the loan or forbearance of money, goods, or things in action, than \$8 on \$100 for one year; and in the computation of interest upon any bond, note, or other instrument or agreement, interest shall not be compounded, but any contract to pay interest, not usurious, upon interest overdue, shall not be construed to be usury. Contracts shall bear the same rate of interest after they become due as before, and any provision in any contract, note, or instrument providing for an increase of the rate of interest after maturity, or any increase therein after making and delivery, shall work a forfeiture of the entire interest; but this provision shall not apply to notes or contracts which bear no interest before maturity *nor shall it apply to any agreement which extends the maturity date of any contract, note, or instrument, and provides for an increased rate of interest after the original maturity date on the indebtedness then due, provided that any agreement which extends maturity date of any contract, note or instrument shall not provide for an increased rate of interest in excess of \$8 on \$100 for one year.*

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#### CHAPTER 348—S. F. No. 678

*An act relating to the sale of bonds or certificates of indebtedness of a city issued to defray its portion of the cost of a bridge jointly constructed with another city; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 441.09.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 441.09, is amended to read:

**441.09 Bond issues.** Each of such cities constructing such bridge is hereby authorized and empowered to issue and sell certificates of indebtedness or bonds of the city to defray its portion of the cost of such bridge in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 without submission to a vote of the people, and the full faith and credit of such city so issuing

such bonds shall be pledged to the payment of the principal and interest of such certificates of indebtedness or bonds. These bonds shall be in the form of serial bonds, a portion of which shall be payable each year after issuance, but none of the bonds shall run for a longer period than 30 years, and the council of the city issuing such bonds shall fix the denominations thereof and fix the dates of maturity thereof so that the amounts necessary to pay the principal of the portion of bonds maturing in such year and the interest on the bonds issued, shall be approximately the same in each of the years during which such bonds shall run. These certificates of indebtedness or bonds shall be sold in the manner provided by section 475.60. Such bonds or certificates of indebtedness shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five percent per annum. Such bonds shall be executed in the name of the city issuing the same, by the mayor and city clerk and countersigned by the comptroller, and the engraved signatures of such officials shall be sufficient upon coupons of such bonds. Such bonds are hereby authorized to be issued notwithstanding and in addition to and above any limits now or hereafter fixed by law upon the bonded indebtedness of such cities, and the proceeds of these bonds and interest thereon and such expenditure as may be made in excess of any provisions contained in the charter of such city limiting the cost of government.

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#### CHAPTER 349—S. F. No. 679

*An act relating to the sale of bonds, or certificates of indebtedness of certain counties and cities issued for the improvement of a county and city hospital; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 377.04.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 377.04, is amended to read:

**377.04 Sale of bonds; interest, maturity.** When the board of county commissioners of any such county and the governing body of any city within such county shall deem it advisable to provide funds for the purpose of remodeling, altering, and equipping the buildings at the hospital and almshouse in any such city and in any such county for the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the hospital and almshouse to provide for the treatment and care of poor persons in such cities and counties and to provide additional facilities