

of the contract or the committing of the tort shall be deemed to be the agreement of the foreign corporation that any process against it which is so served upon the secretary of state shall be of the same legal force and effect as if served personally within the State of Minnesota.

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CHAPTER 539—H. F. No. 478

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the creation of hospital districts by certain counties, the construction, equipment, acquisition and operation of district hospitals therein, and the issuance of bonds therefor.

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

Section 1. Hospital districts, certain counties authorized to create. In any county of this state having over 14,000 and less than 15,000 inhabitants according to the 1950 federal census and over 30 and less than 56 full and fractional congressional townships, the board of county commissioners may, when requested so to do by resolution of the governing body of each of one or more cities, towns and villages within the county, by resolution create a hospital district comprising part of or the entire area of such cities, villages and towns, provided that the most recent assessed valuation of all taxable property within the area is not less than \$1,000,000 and no non-contiguous areas are included therein.

Sec. 2. District hospital board, members. The board of county commissioners may also authorize and direct the construction and equipment or the acquisition and equipment of a district hospital in any such district, to be operated under the supervision of a district hospital board. The hospital board shall consist of six members appointed by the county board. Two members of the first board shall be appointed for a two year term, two for a four year term and two for a six year term and each shall hold office until their respective successors are appointed and qualified. Successors to original board members shall be appointed for six year terms and shall serve until other members are chosen and qualified. The expense of operation and debt retirement of any such hospital shall be paid from the revenue derived therefrom and to the extent necessary, from ad valorem taxes to be levied solely upon the tax-

able property situated within the district, and to the extent determined by the board of county commissioners from time to time, from appropriations made in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 376.08. All revenues so received and taxes so levied shall be segregated in a special fund by the county treasurer and disbursed only upon orders signed by the chairman of the hospital board and countersigned by the county auditor, pursuant to resolutions of the hospital board. All contracts with reference to the construction, equipment and operation of the hospital shall be approved by the county board and executed in the same manner as other county contracts, and the county board shall at least annually examine and approve or take any necessary remedial action with reference to the receipts and disbursements shown by the books and records of each district hospital, and levy such tax in accordance with this section as may be necessary for the operation thereof in the succeeding year.

Sec. 3. Bond issue, tax levy. The construction and equipment or the acquisition and equipment and the subsequent improvement of any such hospital may be financed in whole or part by the issuance of general obligation bonds in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475. The amount of the bonds issued for any hospital district and outstanding at any time, less cash and investments held in the sinking fund therefor, shall not exceed \$300,000. The proceedings for the issuance of the bonds shall be instituted and completed by the board of county commissioners. Notice of the election on the bonds shall be published in each legal newspaper published in the district, not less than ten days before the election, and all qualified electors residing in the district shall be entitled to vote at the election, each at the polling place for the voting precinct in which he resides, as established for state and county elections. Taxes for the payment of the bonds shall be levied by the county board on all taxable property within the hospital district and shall not be subject to any statutory limitation as to rate or amount. The bonds shall not constitute indebtedness for any purpose of the county or any city, village or town and shall be payable solely from taxes levied on properties within the hospital district, and the liability of the county thereon shall be limited to the completion of all proceedings required for the levy of such taxes and the creation and maintenance of a sinking fund and the payments of the bonds and the interest from such fund in accordance with existing law; provided that the board of county commissioners may from time to time appropriate money for the erection of any hospital financed by such bonds, in the manner and to the extent authorized by Minnesota Sta-

tutes, Section 376.08, and any money so appropriated shall be credited to the sinking fund for such bonds.

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CHAPTER 540—H. F. No. 501

An act relating to wild animals; defining minnow dealers, prescribing licenses for dealing in minnows and raising fish in a private hatchery; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 97.40, Subdivision 27, and Section 98.46, Subdivision 17.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 97.40, Subdivision 27, is amended to read:

Subd. 27. *"Local minnow dealer" includes any person who is engaged in taking, buying, or transporting minnows for sale, or in selling minnows, who has an established place of business, and who does not take or transport such minnows to or from any point more than 15 miles from such place of business. "Itinerant minnow dealer" includes any other person engaged in taking, buying, or transporting minnows for sale, or in selling minnows, regardless of distance of transportation.*

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 98.46, Subdivision 17, is amended to read:

Subd. 17. Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to either residents or non-residents, shall be:

(1) *To deal in live or engaged in the business of preserving minnows:*

- (a) Local minnow dealer, \$2.50;
 - (b) Itinerant minnow dealer, \$25 plus \$10 for each vehicle used in addition to one;
 - (c) Itinerant minnow dealer's helper, \$2.50.
- (2) To raise fish in a private hatchery, \$5.

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