

*for operation of such intercity buses when necessary to assure against undue damage to the road foundations, surfaces or structures.*

*No highways shall be so designated by the commissioner prior to a time when buses of such width are permitted on the national system of interstate and defense highways.*

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CHAPTER 1055—S. F. No. 1863

[Not Coded]

*An act authorizing Ramsey county to acquire sites and to construct eight artificial ice arenas and one golf course to be maintained, operated and controlled by such county; authorizing such county to issue bonds to defray the expense thereof in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 without submitting the issuance thereof to a vote of the people, and authorizing a tax levy for operating expenses; providing for the creation of a recreation facility building commission and prescribing the method of selection of site, erection, acquiring and equipping such facilities.*

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

**Section 1. Ramsey county; artificial ice arenas and golf course.** The county board of Ramsey county is authorized to acquire from any source, including but not limited to public agencies, in the name of the county, by purchase, gift, lease or condemnation, sites for eight artificial ice arenas and one golf course for the purpose of construction of recreational facilities, to be maintained and operated by such county, and may construct such facilities.

**Sec. 2. Bonds, issuance by county.** The county shall have the power to borrow for the purposes defined in this act a sum not to exceed \$3,000,000, or so much thereof as the board of county commissioners of said county may deem necessary to defray the cost and expenses of the acquisition of land for the erection and equipping of said recreational facilities. For the purposes aforesaid the board of county commissioners of Ramsey county is hereby given the power and authority to issue and sell from time to time and without submitting the question of the issuance of the same to a vote of the people, the bonds of said county in the sum and amount of \$3,000,000, or

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such part thereof as shall be deemed necessary, the proceeds of the sale of such bonds to be used for the purposes specified herein, and to secure the payment of such bonds by pledging the full faith and credit of the county therefor. Such bonds shall be in such form and bear interest at such rate as the said county may prescribe and shall be sold by such county through its board of county commissioners to the highest bidder therefor, after notice of the time and place for the receiving of the bids has been published according to law. Said bonds shall be issued to mature serially, the first installment of which shall become due and payable in not more than three years and the last of *which shall become due and payable in not more than 30 years from their date.* The proceeds received from the sale of such bonds shall be deposited by the county in a fund to be designated as recreation facility fund, and the monies shall be disbursed therefrom for the purposes aforesaid in the same manner as other funds the county has disbursed, but only for the purposes herein expressed, and according to such other procedural requirements in reference thereto as are set out specifically in this act.

Sec. 3. Ramsey county shall have the power to levy annually upon all taxable property in the county an ad valorem tax not to exceed one mill annually to provide for the payment of the interest on such bonds as the same accrues and the payment of the principal thereof in full at maturity, and not to exceed one-half mill annually to provide for the operation of such facilities. The levy of such tax for such purpose is hereby made the duty of the board of county commissioners of such county. The powers granted to said county to levy taxes for the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds and the operation of the facilities shall be in addition to all other taxing powers of said county, and shall exist independently of any restrictions upon the power of such county to levy taxes for other purposes.

Sec. 4. **May use other funds.** Ramsey county is authorized to use any money in the county treasury not set aside for other purposes to carry out the purposes of this act. If monies in the said treasury are insufficient, and if sufficient monies can not be secured under statutes permitting any such county to levy a tax for general revenue purposes, the board of county commissioners may levy additional taxes for the purposes of this act as provided in Section 3.

Sec. 5. **Recreation facilities building commission.** As soon as practicable after Ramsey county by formal action of its governing body determines that it is in the public interest to proceed to initiate, effectuate and carry out the purposes of this act there shall be appointed by the chairman of the Ramsey county board a "recreation facility building commission" consisting of nine members who shall be

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appointed as follows: six members from the city of Saint Paul and two members from the county of Ramsey outside the city of Saint Paul, each representing a separate legislative district, and one member from the city of Saint Paul appointed at large.

**Sec. 6. Approval of plans, bids for construction.** Upon the completion of the plans and specifications and upon their approval and adoption by the recreation facility building commission and the county board of Ramsey county the commission shall proceed to advertise for bids or proposals for all or any part of the work or materials, or both, to be done, performed or furnished in the construction of the facilities. The advertisements for bids or proposals shall be published in a newspaper of the county to be selected by the commission and shall be published for such length of time as the commission may determine. All bids or proposals shall be sealed by the bidders or proposers and shall be filed with the commission at or before the time specified in such advertising for the opening of bids or proposals. At the time and place specified in the advertisement for the opening of bids or proposals, the commission shall meet, open the bids or proposals, tabulate the same, and award the contract or contracts to the responsible bidder whose bid or proposal is the most favorable to the county, or reject all bids and proposals. In the event of the rejection of all bids and proposals, the commission may readvertise for bids or proposals or may modify or change the plans and specifications and submit such modified plans and specifications to the county board for approval, and when such modified or changed plans and specifications are satisfactory to the county board the plans and specifications shall be returned to the commission and the commission shall proceed again to advertise for bids or proposals in the manner hereinbefore provided. Any such contract awarded by the commission shall be subject to approval by the board of county commissioners.

**Sec. 7. Bidders to deposit certified check.** Each person, firm or corporation submitting a bid or proposal in the manner provided by section 6 shall file with his bid or proposal a certified check in an amount prescribed in the specifications of the commission, the amount thereof to be retained as liquidated damages to the county in case of failure of the bidder to enter into a contract if he is awarded the same.

All contracts shall be in writing and shall be made in the name of the county and shall be executed by the officers of the county empowered by law to execute contracts in behalf of the county. All persons who may be awarded contracts in connection with the erection

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of such facility shall be required to furnish bonds in the amount and in the form prescribed by the laws of the state relating to contracts for public improvements and such bonds shall run to the county.

**Sec. 8.** *The work of erecting the facilities as proposed by this act shall be conducted and completed under the direction and supervision of the commission and the members thereof are charged with the duty of requiring the work to be done in strict accordance with the plans and specifications.*

**Sec. 9. Report to be filed with county auditor.** Upon the completion of the erection and equipping of the recreation facilities, the commission herein provided to be appointed shall file with the Ramsey county auditor a full report of its proceedings, setting forth in general terms the acts performed by such commission pursuant to this chapter, as well as the contracts which were let in the erection and equipping of such recreation facilities, and the balance, if any, remaining in the funds obtained by the sale of bonds as herein provided. Any such balance remaining shall be placed to the credit of an initial maintenance fund devoted to the operation and maintenance of such facilities. Such commission shall cease to exist March 15, 1973, and the functions of such commission shall thereupon be deemed terminated.

**Sec. 10.** Six of the artificial ice arenas shall be constructed within the city of Saint Paul, one of which shall be within the boundaries of each legislative district within the city, and two of the artificial ice arenas shall be constructed outside the city of Saint Paul within the county of Ramsey, one of which shall be located in each of the legislative districts outside the city of Saint Paul. The golf course shall be located within the city of White Bear Lake and within the county of Ramsey.

**Sec. 11.** The said recreation facilities commission shall construct and equip the eight artificial ice arenas and one golf course in addition to the facilities already existing in said county for the accommodation of the public and educational interest in sports and recreation; the use of said facilities shall be extended free to organized hockey and other organized ice activities of public, parochial, and private secondary schools located in Ramsey county.

**Sec. 12.** The Ramsey county board shall prescribe rules and regulations relating to the use, operation, maintenance and control of said arena facilities and golf course constructed pursuant to this act. It shall prescribe fees for the use of the facility and charges for services performed in connection therewith which shall be reasonable and proper. It shall extend the use of the facilities free to public, parochial

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and private secondary schools located in Ramsey county as hereinbefore set forth. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the board of Ramsey county commissioners to maintain and operate the arenas and golf course in such manner as will best provide for the equitable and fair use of the facilities by the public, schools and other agencies of the county.

Sec. 13. The Ramsey county board may employ such employees as in its opinion may be necessary and proper to the efficient and effective functioning of the arenas and golf course and activities conducted. These employees shall be subject to the laws relating to the civil service of the county and their compensation shall be in accordance with the rules provided for the civil service of the county.

Sec. 14. Any income accruing to the county from the operation of the ice arenas and golf course shall be placed in the county treasury and credited to a special fund known as the public ice arena—golf course account.

Sec. 15. This act becomes effective upon its approval by the board of county commissioners of Ramsey county, and upon compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

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## CHAPTER 1056—S. F. No. 1879

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to school district indebtedness and limitations thereon, including bonds and debt service loans and capital loans from the maximum effort school loan fund of the state; authorizing the issuance and sale of school loan bonds of the state and appropriating the proceeds and the income from the investment thereof for the making of debt service loans and capital loans to school districts and for the payment of said bonds and interest thereon; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 124.38, Subdivisions 7 and 8; Section 124.42, Subdivisions 1 and 4; Section 124.43, Subdivisions 1 to 5; and Section 475.53, Subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 475.533.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 124.38, Subdivision 7, is amended to read:

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