

Section 1. Laws 1965, Chapter 707, Section 1, as amended by Laws 1969, Chapter 1096, Section 1, is amended to read:

Section 1. **RAMSEY COUNTY; TAX LEVY.** Ramsey county may levy annually on each dollar of taxable property except such as is by law otherwise taxable as assessed and entered on the tax lists a tax for general revenue purposes not in excess of ~~thirteen~~ sixteen and one-half mills.

Sec. 2. Any resolution of the county board pursuant to this act shall not be effective until the first business day of January next following and if within 30 days following its publication a petition asking for an election on the proposition signed by voters equal to five percent of the number of voters at the last regular election is filed with the county auditor, the resolution shall not be effective until it has been approved by a majority of the votes cast on the question at a regular or special election.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval by the board of county commissioners of Ramsey county, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved June 4, 1971.

CHAPTER 773—S.F.No.2704

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the city of St. Paul; authorizing a capital improvements program and authorizing funds for the construction of local improvements.

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

Section 1. **ST. PAUL, CITY OF; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM.** Notwithstanding any provision of the charter of the city of St. Paul, the council of said city shall have power by a resolution adopted by five affirmative votes of all its members to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the city in an amount of \$4,500,000 for each calendar year for a four year period commencing with the year 1972, for the payment of which the full faith and credit of the city is irrevocably pledged.

Sec. 2. The proceeds of all bonds issued pursuant to section 1 hereof shall be used exclusively for the acquisition, construction, and repair of capital improvements. None of the proceeds of any bonds so issued shall be expended except upon projects which have been

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reviewed, and have received a priority rating, from a capital improvements committee consisting of at least seven members, of whom a majority shall not hold any paid office or position under the city of St. Paul. The priorities and recommendations of such committee shall be purely advisory, and no buyer of any such bonds shall be required to see to the application of the proceeds.

Sec. 3. The council of said city shall by ordinance provide for the preparation and adoption, by resolution, of an annual capital budget for said city for each year of the aforementioned four year period, and no funds of said city, from whatever source derived, shall be expended for any capital improvement other than acquisition of office or mechanical equipment, or for minor remodeling or repairs of existing structures, except in accordance with said capital budget, which may, however, be from time to time amended as the council may by ordinance prescribe. Sums appropriated in the capital budget may be expended regardless of the amounts appropriated to the various budget funds of the city pursuant to the charter thereof. The council of said city may carry out the capital improvements program authorized by this act under and pursuant to an ordinance adopted by it subsequent to the passage of this act or it may carry out such program under and pursuant to the provisions of the ordinance presently in effect, adopted pursuant to the provisions of Laws 1967, Chapter 460, and such amendments thereto as the council may hereafter adopt.

Sec. 4. No proceeds of any bonds issued pursuant to section 1 hereof shall be expended for the construction or equipment of any portion of the St. Paul auditorium or civic center connected thereto.

Sec. 5. Bonds provided for by this act shall be issued and sold pursuant to the applicable provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475; provided, however, that no issue or sale of bonds hereby authorized shall be required to be submitted to or approved by the electors of the city of St. Paul, provided that if within 30 days after the passing, approval and publication of any resolution approving this act a number of the qualified electors of the city of St. Paul equal to eight percent of all the electors who voted at the last city election for mayor, shall file a petition with the city clerk addressed to the city council asking that this act be submitted to the voters of said city for approval or rejection, it shall be so submitted and shall not go into effect until approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon at a general or special election.

Sec. 6. The authority and power granted to the city of St. Paul to issue bonds under and pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be in addition to the power or authority contained in any other law or statute.

Sec. 7. This act shall become effective only after its approval by a majority of the governing body of the city of St. Paul and upon

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compliance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved June 4, 1971.

CHAPTER 774—S.F.No.2787

[Not Coded].

An act to validate certain ditch repair proceedings in Norman county and authorizing the issuance of bonds.

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

Section 1. NORMAN COUNTY; DITCH REPAIR; BONDS:
All proceedings heretofore taken by the board of county commissioners of Norman county in the repair of county and judicial ditches under authority of Minnesota Statutes, Section 106.471, by day labor and the levy of assessments against property benefited by said repair, is hereby legalized and validated, notwithstanding the limitations provided in Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 106.471, Subdivision 2, Subclause (b).

Sec. 2. The board of county commissioners of Norman county is authorized to issue not to exceed \$113,000 negotiable coupon general obligation bonds of the county to provide money to finance the cost of said repair in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 106.411, and said bonds, when issued and delivered for value, shall be valid and binding general obligations of the county in accordance with their terms.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon approval by a majority of the board of county commissioners of Norman county and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 645.021.

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CHAPTER 775—H.F.No.88

An act relating to apportionment of proceeds from tax forfeited land sales; amending Minnesota Statutes 1969, Section 282.08.

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