

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[6.55] COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL HOSPITALS; AUDITS.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, any county or municipal hospital board may employ a certified public accountant to annually audit and examine the books of said hospital. The report of such examination or audit by such certified public accountant shall be submitted to the state auditor who shall review such audit report and may accept such audit or make such additional examinations as he deems to be in the public interest.

Approved April 11, 1974.

CHAPTER 490—H.F.No.2011
[Not Coded]

An act relating to St. Louis county; authorizing tax levies for capital improvements and road and bridge purposes in excess of certain existing levy limits; establishing levy limits for capital improvements and road and bridge levies; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in lieu of increased levies for road and bridge purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **ST. LOUIS COUNTY; CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LEVY.** The St. Louis county board is hereby authorized to levy over and above and in excess of any limitations provided by law, except those contained in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 275.50 to 275.57, a special mill levy not to exceed two-thirds of a mill to be placed in a fund for capital improvements on any and all buildings now in existence or to be built for St. Louis county. For purposes of this section "mill" shall be construed to mean a "mill," after giving effect to Laws 1971, Chapter 427.

Sec. 2. **ROAD AND BRIDGE LEVY.** Subdivision 1. The county board of St. Louis county may levy for St. Louis county road and bridge purposes in 1974 not to exceed five and one-half mills on the dollar of taxable valuation in the county; in 1975, not to exceed seven mills; and in 1976 not to exceed 8.34 mills less the taconite tax payments received for St. Louis county road and bridge purposes for 1976 under Minnesota Statutes, Sections 298.28 and 298.281.

Subd. 2. As a alternate plan, the county board of St. Louis county may issue general obligation bonds in amounts not to exceed \$650,000 for the year 1975, \$650,000 for the year 1976, and \$550,000 for the year 1977 less the taconite tax payments received for St. Louis county road and bridge purposes for 1977 under Minnesota Statutes, Sections

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298.28 and 298.281.

Sec. 3. EFFECT ON LEVY LIMITATIONS. The increase in the taxes authorized by this act to be levied for road and bridge purposes by St. Louis county in levy years 1974 through 1976 shall be disregarded when computing levies permitted under levy limitations provided by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 275.50 to 275.56. Effective as to taxes levied in 1977 and subsequent years, the tax levy for road and bridge purposes shall be included when computing levies permitted under the levy limitations provided by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 275.50 to 275.56.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This act is effective upon approval by the county board of St. Louis county, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved April 11, 1974.

CHAPTER 491—H.F.No.2051

[Coded]

An act relating to counties; authorizing the use of county road and bridge funds in the construction and maintenance of bicycle paths; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 163, by adding a section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1971, Chapter 163, is amended by adding a section to read:

[163.035] COUNTY HIGHWAYS; BICYCLE PATHS. The county board may in the interests of public safety expend road and bridge funds for the construction and maintenance of bicycle paths on road rights-of-way under county jurisdiction.

Approved April 11, 1974.

CHAPTER 492—H.F.No.2125

[Coded]

An act relating to education; providing for waiver of tuition for foreign students; appropriating money.

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