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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day after the filing of a certificate of approval by the Traverse County board in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021, Subdivision 3.

Approved April 1, 1981

CHAPTER 16 — S.F.No. 8

An act relating to the city of New London; authorizing the issuance of bonds for the acquisition and betterment of a city hall, community center, and municipal library.

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

Section 1. NEW LONDON; BONDS.

The city of New London in Kandiyohi County, by resolution of its city council, may issue and sell general obligation bonds of the city in a principal amount not to exceed \$200,000 to finance the acquisition and betterment of a city hall, community center, and municipal library. The bonds shall be issued and sold in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, except that no election shall be required except as provided in section 2 to authorize their issuance and the amount of bonds issued shall not be included in computing any debt limitation applicable to the city, and the levy of taxes required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.61 to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds shall not be subject to any levy limitation, or be included in computing or applying any levy limitation applicable to the city.

Sec. 2. REFERENDUM.

The city council of New London, prior to the issuance of any bonds authorized by section 1, shall adopt a resolution stating the amount, purpose and, in general, the security to be provided for the bonds, and shall publish the resolution once each week for two consecutive weeks in the medium of official and legal publication of the city. The bonds may be issued without the submission of the question of their issuance to the voters of the city unless within 21 days after the second publication of the resolution a petition requesting a referendum signed by at least ten percent of the registered voters of the city is filed with the city clerk. If a petition is filed, no bonds shall be

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Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 3, 1981

CHAPTER 17 — S.F.No. 30

An act relating to public utilities; redefining the term "public utility" so as to exempt from public service commission jurisdiction certain small natural gas utilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 216B.02, Subdivision 4.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 216B.02, Subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. "Public utility" means persons, corporations or other legal entities, their lessees, trustees, and receivers, now or hereafter operating, maintaining, or controlling in this state equipment or facilities for furnishing at retail natural, manufactured or mixed gas or electric service to or for the public or engaged in the production and retail sale thereof but does not include a municipality or a cooperative electric association, organized under the provisions of chapter 308 producing or furnishing natural, manufactured or mixed gas or electric service. Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of ~~Laws 1974, Chapter 429~~ this chapter shall not be applicable to any sale of natural, manufactured or mixed gas or electricity by a public utility to another public utility for resale. In addition, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to a public utility whose total natural gas business consists of supplying natural, manufactured or mixed gas to not more than 650 customers within a city pursuant to a franchise granted by the city, provided a resolution of the city council requesting exemption from regulation is filed with the commission. The city council may rescind the resolution requesting exemption at any time, and, upon the filing of the rescinding resolution with the commission, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to the public utility. No person shall be deemed to be a public utility if it presently furnishes its services only to tenants in buildings owned, leased or operated by such person. No person shall be deemed to be a public utility if it presently furnishes service to occupants of a mobile home or trailer park owned, leased, or operated by such person. No person shall be deemed to be a public utility if it presently produces or furnishes service to less than 25 persons.

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