

commission or other similar body of any city or village has heretofore adopted proceedings for the issuance and sale of warrants or certificates, bearing interest at not to exceed two and one-half per cent per annum, payable solely from the earnings of a public utility or utilities owned by the city or village issuing the same and sold at not less than par, such warrants or certificates so issued are hereby legalized and declared to be valid and binding obligations of said city or village, payable solely from the revenues of such public utility or utilities.

Sec. 2. Municipality pledge legalized. In all cases where the governing body or utility commission or other similar body of any such village or city has heretofore pledged itself to charge sufficient rates so as to pay interest and principal on such warrants or certificates, such pledge is hereby legalized and declared to be valid.

Sec. 3. Remedial. It is hereby expressly found and determined that this act is remedial in nature.

Sec. 4. Action pending. This act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any courts in the State of Minnesota.

Approved April 28, 1947.

CHAPTER 628—H. F. No. 1285

An act relating to aid to dependent children, defining continuous absence from the home; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.12, Subdivision 15.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.12, Subdivision 15, is amended to read as follows:

256.12. **Definitions.** Subd. 15. **Continued absence from the home.** "*Continued absence from the home,*" as used in sections 256.72 to 256.87, means the absence from the home of the parent, whether or not entitled to the custody of the child, by reason of being an inmate of a penal institution under a sentence which will not terminate within three months after the date of application for assistance under sections 256.72 to 256.87, or a fugitive after escape therefrom, or absence from the home by the parent for a period of at least *one month*

continuous duration together with failure on the part of the absent parent to support the child, provided that *prior to the granting of such aid* all reasonable efforts shall have been made to secure support for such child from the defaulting parent, and, *provided, further, that no child which shall have been abandoned in this state shall continue eligible for such aid unless a warrant for arrest for such abandonment shall have been issued under the laws of this state, either prior to the application for aid or as soon thereafter as legally possible, and in any event within a period of not more than 120 days from the date of such application.*

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CHAPTER 629—H. F. No. 1587

[Not Coded]

An act relating to taxation and providing for the levy of taxes for state purposes.

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

Section 1. Tax levy for state purposes for fiscal year ending June 30, 1948. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, there is hereby levied on all taxable property of the state a tax of such number of mills that the same, when added to the total number of mills of general property taxes for state purposes authorized to be imposed by all other statutes, shall not exceed 7.50 mills.

Sec. 2. Tax levy for state purposes for fiscal year ending June 30, 1949. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, there is hereby levied on all taxable property of the state a tax of such number of mills that the same, when added to the total number of mills of general property taxes for state purposes authorized to be imposed by all other statutes, shall not exceed 7.30 mills.

Sec. 3. Limit of tax levies. Under no circumstances shall the state auditor certify to county auditors a higher total rate of general property tax for all state purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, than 7.50 mills, or a higher total