

without the invalid provisions or applications and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

Approved April 22, 1955.

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CHAPTER 716—H. F. No. 1397  
[Not Coded]

*An act relating to expenditures for road and bridge purposes in certain counties; amending Laws 1953, Chapter 270, Section 2.*

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

Section 1. Laws 1953, Chapter 270, Section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. **Road construction fund.** The road construction fund shall be used exclusively for the construction and reconstruction of state aid roads and expenditures therefrom shall be made only for work which is done by contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, sections 160.39 and 164.22, and for engineering supervision of such work, and for the purchase of right of way acquired in connection with such work.

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CHAPTER 717—H. F. No. 1406  
[Not Coded]

*An act relating to the construction of a new central office building for the department of highways; appropriating money therefor and providing for the payment of the cost thereof, by the issuance and sale of bonds for the State of Minnesota.*

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

Section 1. **Central office building for department of highways.** Subject to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, Chapter 16, but nevertheless with the approval of the governor and the commissioner of highways, the commissioner of administration is hereby authorized and directed to forthwith cause the construction of and to equip a new central office building for the department of highways upon lands acquired therefor by the commissioner of highways pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1953, section 161.19.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is hereby appropriated from the trunk highway fund so much thereof as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this act.

**Sec. 3. Bonds, when to be issued.** Whenever during the calendar years 1956 to 1960, inclusive, it shall appear to the commissioner of highways that the payment of any part of the appropriations authorized by section 2 of this act would hamper the orderly construction, reconstruction, improvement and maintenance of the trunk highway system, he shall notify the state auditor of that fact and the state auditor is thereupon authorized and directed to issue and sell bonds of the State of Minnesota under the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article 16, Section 4, in such amounts and at such times as he is notified appear necessary to the commissioner of highways in order to proceed with the orderly construction, reconstruction, improvement and maintenance of the trunk highway system. Bonds issued under the authority of this act shall not exceed the total amount of \$6,000,000 par value.

**Sec. 4. Pledge of full faith and credit.** The full faith and credit of the State of Minnesota is hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds authorized by this act. Such bonds shall be issued and sold on competitive bids after reasonable notice, or direct to the state board of investment without bids and that board is hereby authorized to invest any funds under its control or discretion in any of these bonds, notwithstanding any limitations imposed by Minnesota Statutes 1953, section 11.10 or any other provisions of law. Such bonds shall be issued and sold by the state auditor under such rules and regulations and in such form and denominations as he shall determine and shall be attested by the secretary of state. Such rules may provide for the maturity, registration, conversion and exchange of the bonds so issued; all bonds maturing more than three years after their date may be made redeemable at par at the expiration of such three years and on each interest payment date thereafter upon such notice as such rules, made prior to the issuance of the bonds, may provide. All expenses incident to the printing and the sale of the bonds, including actual and necessary traveling expenses of state officers and employees for such purpose, shall be paid from the trunk highway fund and the amounts therefor are hereby appropriated from said fund. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1953, sections 15.041 to 15.044 shall not apply to the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant hereto. The state auditor shall keep a record showing the number, date of issue and date of maturity of each such bond.

**Sec. 5. Proceeds to trunk highway fund.** The proceeds of the sale of said bonds shall be paid into the treasury of the state and credited to the trunk highway fund. Said bonds shall be redeemed and interest thereon paid from the trunk highway sinking fund. In case the trunk highway sinking fund should not be adequate to meet the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds authorized herein, the state auditor shall levy a direct annual ad valorem tax on all the taxable property of the state in an amount sufficient to meet the deficiency.

**Sec. 6. Amendment to constitution, effect.** In the event any amendment to the Minnesota State Constitution is hereafter adopted which provides that the proceeds of the motor vehicle tax shall be placed in some fund other than the trunk highway sinking fund, which amendment makes provision for the payment of bonds for trunk highways, the bonds issued hereunder shall be payable from such fund so designated for payment of trunk highway bonds.

**Sec. 7. Operation costs, payment.** The cost of operation and maintenance of the new central office building for the department of highways, or so much thereof as is properly attributable to the department of highways, shall be paid out of the trunk highway fund and so much as is necessary therefor is hereby appropriated therefrom.

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CHAPTER 718—H. F. No. 1480

[Coded]

*An act relating to elections; permitting the division of certain school districts into separate election districts.*

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

**Section 1. [124.21] Independent school districts, separate election districts.** Any independent school district may for the purpose of the election of school board members alter its organization into separate election districts by the following procedure set out in this act.

**Sec. 2. [124.22] Division by resolution of board.**  
**Subdivision 1.** Upon resolution of the school board, which resolution may be made on its own motion or shall be made upon presentation of a petition therefor signed by at least 50 electors of the school district, the board shall divide the district into as many separate election districts as there are members of the board.