H. F. No. 224.

CHAPTER 40.

Public schools in cities of 50,000 people.

An act relating to public schools in cities of over fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants and to provide funds therefor.

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

Empowered to tax in addition to regular tax.

Section 1. Cities now or hereafter having over fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants are hereby empowered to raise annually by taxation, independently of and in addition to other sums for school purposes, authorized by law, an amount not exceeding one and one-half $(1\frac{1}{2})$ mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of taxable property within such city for the purchase of school sites and the erection, repair, furnishing and fitting of public school buildings and the general maintenance of the public schools within such city, and to appropriate the same to such or any of such uses; provided, that such sum, to the extent of one (1) mill on each dollar of valuation only, may be appropriated to general maintenance, and the remainder thereof shall be applicable to the erection, repair, furnishing and fitting of school buildings and the acquisition of school sites, or one or more of such uses, but shall be appropriated to no other purpose.

This act construed as independent grant. SEC. 2. This act shall be construed as an independent and separate grant of power, and shall in no wise supersede existing provisions of law for raising revenue for the support of schools, whether under general or special laws, but the powers here given may also be exercised concurrently with other powers and to provide a greater revenue for the schools within such city, limitations of power under existing laws notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1899.

H. F. N. 66.

CHAPTER 41.

Protection of civil rights.

An act to protect all persons in their civil and legal rights.

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

Public places to make no distinction on account of color, etc. Penalty, Section 1. That any person who excludes any other person within the State of Minnesota on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude from the full and equal enjoyment of any accommodation, advantage, facil-