

thereof as shall be necessary shall be paid on the warrants of the superintendent of public instruction, drawn on the state auditor.

Provided, the first annual appropriation herein provided for shall become available August 1st, nineteen hundred and three (1903), for the school year ending July thirty-first (31st), nineteen hundred and three (1903).

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

S. F. No. 314.

CHAPTER 185.

Cities.

An act to authorize cities of not less than ten thousand and not more than fifty thousand population to provide water and light for public use of the inhabitants without owning the plant therefor.

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

Providing
for water
and light
in cities of
10,000 to 50,000.

SECTION 1. That all cities of the State of Minnesota, which now or at any time hereafter have more than ten thousand and not more than fifty thousand inhabitants, are hereby authorized to provide water, for use of such city for fire protection, or other public use, and for private use of its inhabitants, by contract with private individuals or private corporations, if such cities have no water system of their own; and for that purpose may contract for such water supply on such terms and conditions and for such period, not exceeding thirty years, as the city council of such cities, by an affirmative vote thereof, shall determine; and may from time to time alter, renew or extend any such contract that may now be in force, or hereafter made by like vote of said city council, and as a part of such contract may authorize the laying, maintaining, repairing and operation of all water mains, hydrants, connections and other appliances in the streets, alleys and other public places of said city, whether the same are now laid and in operation or hereafter established.

SEC. 2. That all cities in the State of Minnesota which now, or at any time hereafter, have more than ten thousand and not more than fifty thousand inhabitants,

are hereby authorized to provide light, for use of such city or for use of its inhabitants, by contract with individuals or private corporations, if such cities have no lighting plant of their own; and for such purpose may contract for such light on such terms and conditions, and for such period, not exceeding fifteen (15) years, as the city council of such cities by an affirmative vote thereof shall determine; and may from time to time alter, renew, or extend any such contract that may now be in force or hereafter made by like vote of said city council, and as a part of such contract may authorize the occupation of the streets, alleys, and public streets of the city with the poles, wires and other apparatus necessary therefor.

SEC. 3. Said cities shall have power to levy such taxes as may be required to pay all sums agreed to be paid by them according to any contracts so made, but only such installments as are agreed to be paid by said cities under said contracts during the current year shall be considered an indebtedness within the meaning of any law limiting the amount of indebtedness that may be incurred in any one year by such cities.

Tax levy.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 14, 1903.

CHAPTER 186.

S. F. No. 77.

An act relating to the advertising for bids and the letting of contracts in excess of five hundred (\$500) dollars by county commissioners in the counties of this state having a population of not more than seventy-five thousand inhabitants.

Counties not over 75,000.

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of any county in this state having a population of not more than seventy-five thousand inhabitants shall not make, suffer, or cause to be made any purchase or contract for goods, wares, merchandise or materials or furniture and fixtures, or any contract for any work or labor to be performed in and about the construction, alteration or repair of any county building, for or on behalf of their county, the estimated value or expense of which said goods,

County commissioners not to incur expense of over \$500, without giving notice by publication for bids.