

H. F. No. 140.

## CHAPTER 94.

*An act to provide for the bonding of counties to build county jails.*

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

SECTION 1. Every organized county in this state when the last assessed equalized value of all property as equalized by the state board of equalization, is between five million, five hundred thousand (\$5,500,000) dollars and six million (\$6,000,000) dollars, is hereby authorized to issue its bonds for the purpose of raising money to build and furnish a county jail therein, by conforming to the provisions of this act, whenever the board of county commissioners of such county shall determine by resolution duly passed and recorded, to raise a sum of money which shall be designated, in such resolution, within the limitations hereinafter provided, for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a county jail at the county seat of such county; *provided*, that the bond issue hereby authorized shall in no case exceed one (1) per cent of the taxable valuation of the county as shown by the last preceding assessment of the county.

Bonding  
counties for  
county jails.

Not to ex-  
ceed 1 per  
cent of  
valuation.

When  
payable.

SEC. 2. The denominations of said bonds shall be in such amounts, and shall be payable at such times, not less than two (2) nor more than ten (10) years from the date of their issue, as the board of county commissioners shall determine by the resolution of said board. The interest thereon at not exceeding five per cent per annum shall be paid annually at such place as shall be fixed by the resolution of said board.

Signed by  
chairman  
and auditor.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the board and countersigned and sealed by the auditor of the county, and shall have interest coupons attached thereto, which coupons shall be signed by said chairman and countersigned by the auditor of said county, and said auditor shall keep a true and correct record of all bonds issued under the provisions of this act, giving numbers, dates and amounts, to whom issued, and when payable.

Authorized  
to levy an-  
nual tax.

SEC. 4. Said board and the proper authorities of said county shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to levy an annual tax on the taxable property of

said county, over and above and in addition to all other taxes required by law to be levied, sufficient to pay the interest accruing upon said bonds as it matures, and also to levy an additional tax sufficient in amount to pay the principal of said bonds at maturity, which tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected.

SEC. 5. Before any such county shall be authorized to issue its bonds as herein provided, the board of county commissioners thereof shall give notice by publication for three (3) consecutive weeks, in at least one (1) weekly or daily newspaper printed and published in said county, and by a similar publication for the same length of time in at least one (1) weekly or daily newspaper printed and published at the capital of the state, which said newspaper shall be designated therefor by resolution of such board of county commissioners; that said board of county commissioners will receive bids for the sale of such bonds at the time and place to be named in said notice.

Notice by  
publication  
shall be  
given.

To receive  
bids.

SEC. 6. At the time and place named in such notice, the said board of county commissioners shall open and consider the said bids, and may thereupon award the sale of such bonds to the person, company or corporation offering to negotiate the same upon terms the most advantageous for the interests of such county, and within the limitations of this act; *provided*, that the said board of county commissioners may reject any and all bids offered for the purchase of said bonds if they deem the welfare of the county requires it.

May reject  
bids.

SEC. 7. The moneys realized upon the sale of such bonds shall be placed in the county treasury and devoted so far as may be necessary exclusively to the purpose for which they were issued, and the residue thereof, after the costs and expenses incident to the erection of such jail shall have been duly paid and discharged, shall be paid into the county revenue fund of such county.

Money to be  
placed in  
county  
treasury.

SEC. 8. Before any such jail shall be built by any such county, the board of county commissioners shall solicit detailed plans and specifications therefor from competent architects to be submitted to such board of county commissioners; *provided*, that no plans and specifications shall be accepted by said board of county commissioners which shall exceed the limitations of cost here-

Solicit plans  
and specifica-  
tions.

Publication  
of notice.

in provided, not except upon and after at least four (4) weeks' notice that such board will receive and consider such plans and specifications; which notice shall be published for at least two (2) successive weeks in at least one (1) daily or weekly newspaper printed and published in said county, and one (1) weekly or daily newspaper printed and published at the capital of said state. The board may reject all plans and specifications submitted and readvertise for plans and specifications.

Let to lowest  
bidder.

SEC. 9. The contract for the erection and building of such jail, and the building and erection thereof, shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, or bidders, for the whole or any part thereof, and the board shall require a good and sufficient bond from any one with whom a contract shall be made for the whole or any part of the work of construction.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and shall cease to be in force after one year from the date of the passage of this act.

Approved March 28, 1903.

H. F. No. 149.

## CHAPTER 95.

*An act relating to the levying of taxes for county purposes, and requiring certain statements and estimates, of the board of county commissioners preliminary to such levy, and limiting the power and authority of such board in the expenditure of money and in the making of contracts, and defining the duties of board of county commissioners, county auditors, and county treasurers, in relation thereto, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof, in all counties having one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) inhabitants or more.*

Applies to  
counties of  
150,000 or  
over.

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

SECTION 1. In all counties of this state at any time having a population of one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) inhabitants, or over, according to the last then completed state or national census, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners thereof, when deciding upon the total amount of money necessary to be raised to meet the anticipated expenses of the county for the next ensuing year, to make an itemized statement cov-

Duty of  
county com-  
missioners.