

CHAPTER 231—S. F. No. 169.

An Act to authorize cities in this State, now or hereafter having a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants, to issue and sell bonds for the construction of a wagon and foot passenger bridge over any navigable stream within any such city.

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

\$400,000 bonds for wagon and foot passenger bridge.—Section 1. Any city in this state now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants is hereby authorized and empowered by ordinance enacted by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all members elect of its common council, to issue and sell not exceeding four hundred thousand (400,000) dollars, par value in and of the bonds of such city for the purpose of constructing a wagon and foot passenger bridge over any navigable stream within any such city; *provided*, that such bridge shall never be used by any line or lines of street railway.

Bonds to be issued exclusive of other indebtedness.—Sec. 2. The bonds authorized by section 1 of this act, or any portion thereof, may be issued and sold by any such city notwithstanding any limitation contained in the charter of such city or in any law of this state prescribing or fixing any limit upon the bonded indebtedness of such city, but the full faith and credit of any such city shall at all times be pledged for the payment of any bonds issued under this act, and for the payment of the current interest thereon, and the common council of such city shall each year include in the tax levy for such city a sufficient amount to provide for the payment of such interest and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

To run not longer than thirty years at four per cent; how issued.—Sec. 3. No bonds shall be issued by any such city for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned to run for a longer period than thirty years or bearing a higher rate of interest than four (4) per cent per annum, but the place of payment of the principal and interest thereof and the denomination in which the same shall be issued shall be such as may be determined upon by the common council of such city and may be in the form of coupon bonds or registered certificates, so-called. All such bonds shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the comptroller of such city, and shall be sealed with the corporate seal of such city, except that the signatures to the coupons attached to such bonds, if any, may be lithographed thereon, and none of said bonds shall be sold at less than their par value and accrued interest, and then only to the highest responsible bidder therefor.

This act shall apply to cities now having a home rule charter adopted under and pursuant to section 36 of article 4 of the constitution of the state of Minnesota.

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

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CHAPTER 232—S. F. No. 339.

An Act for the appointment of guardians for dependent, neglected and delinquent children and for the proceeding against persons at fault for such dependency, neglect or delinquency.

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

Construction of delinquent child—Age, etc.—Section 1. This act shall apply only to children under the age of seventeen (17) years. For the purpose of this act the words "dependent child" and "neglected child" shall mean any child who for any reason is destitute or homeless or abandoned; or dependent upon the public for support; or has not proper parental care or guardianship; or who habitually begs or receives alms; or who is found living in any house of ill-fame or with any vicious or disreputable persons, or whose home, by reason of neglect, cruelty or depravity on the part of its parents, guardian or other person in whose care it may be, is an unfit place for such child; and any child under the age of ten (10) years who is found begging, peddling or selling any article or singing or playing any musical instrument upon the street, or giving any public entertainment, or who accompanies or is used in aid of any person so doing. The words "delinquent child" shall include any child under the age of seventeen (17) years who violates any law of this state or any city or village ordinance; or who is incorrigible, or who knowingly associates with thieves, vicious or immoral persons, or who without just cause and without the consent of its parents or custodian absents itself from its home or place of abode; or who is growing up in idleness; or who knowingly frequents a house of ill-fame; or who knowingly patronizes any policy shop or place where any gaming device is or shall be operated; or who frequents any saloon or dram shop where intoxicating liquors are sold; or who patronizes or visits any public pool room or bucket shop; or who wanders about the streets in the night time without being in any lawful business or occupation; or who habitually wanders about any railroad yard or tracks or jumps or hooks on to any moving train, or enters any car or engine without lawful