

CHAPTER 27—H. F. No. 206.

An Act authorizing the completion of the construction of the new State Prison, and authorizing the equipment thereof for carrying on therein the industrial work authorized by law to be carried on therein, and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes to provide funds therefor, and the issuance of certificates of indebtedness in connection therewith.

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

Board of control to construct new prison near Stillwater.—

Section 1. The state board of control is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to complete the construction of the new state prison near Stillwater, Minnesota, on the site acquired for that purpose pursuant to section nineteen, chapter 337 of General Laws of 1905, according to the plans thereof approved by the warden of the state prison and adopted by said board of control, including inclosure walls and administration buildings, and to equip said prison with the requisite and necessary facilities for carrying on therein the industrial work authorized by law to be carried on therein and so as to provide for and insure the humane, advantageous and profitable employment therein of convicts confined in said prison, at a cost, not including sums hitherto appropriated and provided therefor, not exceeding two million two hundred fifty thousand (\$2,250,000) dollars.

\$225,000 annually provided for by tax levy for prison building fund.—Sec. 2. To provide the funds necessary for what is authorized in section one (1) of this act, the state auditor is hereby authorized and directed to levy and collect, in the same manner as other state taxes are levied and collected, for the year 1909 and for each and every of the next succeeding nine (9) years, two hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$225,000) dollars, and the interest thereon, and a tax levy sufficient to produce, for each of said years, that amount of money, shall be levied on all of the taxable property of this state, and credited to the board of control of state institutions in a separate fund for said purposes to be known as the "Prison Building Fund," and said amounts are hereby appropriated for the purposes aforesaid for each of said years, and pending the said levy and collection of the said taxes, the said board of control is hereby authorized and empowered, if said board of control deems it necessary or desirable so to do, to issue and sell, as funds are needed for construction purposes, certificates of indebtedness to be known and classed as Minnesota Prison Certificates of Indebtedness, at not less than par value thereof, earning interest after the issuance and sale thereof, payable annually, at a rate not greater than four (4) per cent per annum, in such form and upon such terms and conditions as the said board of control may determine, in an aggregate amount not

exceeding the amount herein authorized and directed to be raised by taxation: *provided*, that said certificates shall be issued in denominations of not less than five hundred (\$500) dollars, and *provided*, that the first right of investment therein is reserved to this state, and *provided*, that such of said certificates as are not purchased by this state, shall, in such way and manner as said board of control may deem best, be offered to the general public for investment.

Completion of prison.—Sec. 3. The completion of said prison construction authorized by this act shall be done as expeditiously as practicable and under contract duly made and entered into with competent and responsible contractors and builders who are lowest bidders therefor.

Sec. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 25, 1909.

CHAPTER 28—H. F. No. 386.

An Act validating certain bonds.

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

Bonds of city of fourth class validated.—Section 1. Whenever any city of the fourth class, operating under a home rule charter, shall have heretofore issued its bonds and shall have complied with all of the provisions of its charter as to the issuance of the same and with the laws of the state of Minnesota, applicable thereto, except that the governing body of such city neglected to advertise and offer such bonds for sale under the provisions of section 785, chapter 10, Revised Laws, 1905, and the same have been heretofore sold to purchasers at par, in good faith, and such city has received the avails thereof, such bonds and each thereof are hereby legalized and declared to be a just and binding obligation of each such city so issuing the same, to the same effect as if the sale of the same had been duly advertised, as provided by law: *provided*, however, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any pending litigation.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 25, 1909.