

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 All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.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