

Provided, that the total amount of said sum or sums so appropriated during any year shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

Provided, further, that the question of population shall be determined by the official census next preceding any appropriation made under the provisions of this act.

Repealing clause.—Sec. 2. That chapter 74, Laws of 1903, as amended by chapter 62, Laws of 1905, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the provisions of said chapter 74, as amended by said chapter 62, are inconsistent with the provisions of section 1 hereof.

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

Approved April 22, 1909.

CHAPTER 357—H. F. No. 488.

An Act to authorize cities in the State of Minnesota now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants, to issue and sell bonds for acquiring and improving sites for children's public playgrounds.

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

\$100,000 bonds authorized for children's public playgrounds
—**Control of grounds.**—Section 1. Any city in the state of Minnesota now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants is hereby authorized and empowered, acting by and through the common council of such city, by ordinance duly enacted by an affirmative vote of not less than three-fourths of all members elect of such common council, to issue and sell not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) par value of the bonds of such city, the proceeds thereof to be used for acquiring and improving sites for children's public playgrounds in such cities.

Such playgrounds shall be public parks and shall be under the direction, supervision and control of the park board or other governing body having direction and supervision of public parks in such cities, and all funds derived from the sale of the bonds hereby authorized shall be credited to the park fund of such city, to be disbursed under the direction of such park board or other governing body, for the use and purposes of such children's public play grounds.

Provided, that not more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) par value of such bonds shall be issued during any one calendar year.

And no such city shall have power to issue any bonds hereunder after December 31, A. D. 1912.

Bonds—How issued.—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 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 suitable sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

Not to run for a longer period than 30 years at four per cent—How issued and sold.—Sec. 3. No bonds hereunder shall be issued by any such city for the purpose herein authorized to run for a longer period than thirty years or bearing a higher rate of interest than four per cent per annum, but the place of payment of the principal and interest thereon and the denominations in which the same shall be issued, shall be such as may be prescribed by the common council, 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, and shall be sealed with the seal of such city.

Provided, 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.

Application.—Sec. 4. This act shall apply to cities existing under a charter framed pursuant to section thirty-six (36) of article four (4) of the constitution, and 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 April 22, 1909.