

time of, or at any time subsequent to receiving said fee, exhibit to said applicant, said order or order book: a refusal upon his part so to do shall be prima facie evidence that the taking of said fee was fraudulent and contrary to the provisions of this statute. *Provided*, however, that the provisions of this bill shall not apply to such employment agencies who deal mainly in the securing and furnishing of clerical positions.

Section 1827. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions or requirements set forth in sections 1825 or 1826 of said laws, as amended, shall be guilty of misdemeanor.

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

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CHAPTER 425—S. F. No. 78.

An Act to provide for the building of bridges across navigable rivers on county lines which are the boundary lines of the state and to provide for the bonding of the county for such purpose.

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

Construction of bridges across navigable rivers on boundary lines.—Section 1. Whenever one-half the resident taxpayers of any county, whose county line is the boundary line of a state, as appears by the last preceding assessment roll of such county, shall petition the board of county commissioners of such county, praying for an appropriation to build a bridge across any navigable river on the line of any such county, when the county line is the boundary line of a state, setting forth therein the location of such bridge as near as may be, its estimated cost and the necessity therefor to accommodate the general traveling public, the manner in which it is proposed to pay for such structure, and the time when it will be completed, such petition to be duly verified by the affidavits of at least fifteen of the petitioners therein named, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners to publish a notice in the official paper of the county, once each week for three consecutive weeks, briefly stating the object of such petition and that the same will be heard and considered at the next regular meeting of such board. At the time appointed for the hearing of such petition, the board of county commissioners shall investigate the need for such bridge, and if they find the same to be necessary shall, by resolution duly entered upon the minutes of the board, appropriate towards the building of such bridge, from the county treasury a sum not ex

ceeding one-half of the estimated cost of such bridge to be paid as hereinafter provided; *provided*, however, the appropriation hereinbefore mentioned shall be upon condition that a sufficient bond be given, conditioned that the remaining one-half or more, as the case may be, of the cost of such bridge will be paid; *provided, further*, that the consent of the general government to span such river shall first have been obtained.

Committee to confer with neighboring state.—Sec. 2. If the remaining one-half of the cost of such bridge shall be made up by an appropriation from any neighboring state or by a municipality in this state, to be expended under a commission or through any other agency, the board of county commissioners shall appoint a committee from its own number, of three or more, to meet such other municipal agency, confer with its members and advise and assist in the accomplishment of such improvement in the best possible manner, and when the work is completed and approved jointly by such agency and committee, which approval shall be in writing and duly reported to such board and recorded in the minutes thereof, the board shall thereupon direct the county auditor to draw his warrant upon the treasurer in favor of the contractor for the amount due him from such county.

Cost of bridge—How provided for.—Sec. 3. When one-half or such other proportion as may be, of the cost of such improvement shall be provided for by any municipality within this state, it shall be lawful for such municipal corporation, by a majority vote of the legal voters thereof after ten days' notice, to meet the necessary expense by the issuance of bonds bearing interest not to exceed seven per cent per annum and not to run longer than twenty years after the date of issue, nor to be sold for less than par value, interest payable semi-annually; *provided*, that the limit of indebtedness of such corporation prescribed in the constitution is not thereby exceeded. In case the limit of indebtedness of such municipality would be thereby exceeded, then it shall be lawful for such municipality to make a sufficient tax levy for general purposes to meet the necessary expenditure in the construction of such bridge, and when the same shall be completed and accepted the share of the cost thereof to be borne by such municipality shall be paid out of the general fund by orders drawn in the usual form and manner.

One wagon bridge in each county.—Sec. 4. Not more than one wagon bridge across a navigable river in each county shall be built under this article, and the total cost of such bridge shall in no case exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

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

Approved April 22, 1909.