

have heretofore voted at any general or special election held therein for the issuance of bonds of such city for the purpose of funding outstanding floating indebtedness of the city, or for waterworks, water extension or sewers, or for any or all of said purposes, and such proposition or propositions have been adopted or attempted to be adopted by a majority in favor thereof of all the votes cast thereupon at such election or elections, then in every such case all bonds of such city which have been so voted and issued, or which have been so voted and shall be hereafter, and within sixty (60) days from the approval of this act, issued in pursuance of such election or elections, are hereby declared to be legal, valid and binding obligations of said city, whether such bonds were or were not, at the time of such election or elections, specifically authorized by the terms of its charter or not; provided, however, that the bonds so issued, together with all other bonded indebtedness of the city, shall not exceed the debt limit prescribed in and by such home rule charter; and providing further that this act shall not apply to any suit now pending involving the legality of any bonds voted or issued.

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

Approved April 15, 1913.

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#### CHAPTER 278—S. F. No. 573.

*An Act authorizing any city in this state now or hereafter having more than ten thousand and not more than twenty thousand inhabitants, to make any local improvement for which an assessment on abutting property could be made to defray the cost and expense thereof, and to order that the cost and expense of such improvement or any part thereof be paid out of the appropriate or general fund of such city without assessment upon such abutting property.*

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

Section 1. **City improvements authorized.**—Any city in this state now or hereafter having more than ten thousand and not more than twenty thousand inhabitants, in addition to the powers conferred upon it by law, is hereby authorized and empowered, acting by and through the city council or common council of such city, by resolution duly enacted by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members elect of such city council or common council to make any local improvement for which an assessment upon abutting property could be made as provided by law to defray the cost and expense thereof, and order that the cost and expense of all or any part of such improvement shall be paid out of the appropriate or general fund

of such city without assessment on the said abutting property, and also to have power to assess any part of the cost of any such improvement upon any property benefited thereby.

**Sec. 2. Application.**—This act shall not include or apply to cities now or hereafter governed under a charter adopted under and pursuant to Section 36, Article 4, of the constitution of this state, and the several acts of the legislature authorizing cities to adopt their own charters.

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

Approved April 15, 1913.

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CHAPTER 279—S. F. No. 577.

*An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 207, of the General Laws of 1911, relating to the formation of consolidated school districts and providing for state aid for schools in such districts.*

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

**Section 1. State aid under class A permitted for certain isolated school districts.**—That Section 1 of Chapter 207, of the General Laws of 1911, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 1. Two or more school districts of any kind may be consolidated, either by the formation of a new district or by annexation of one or more districts to an existing district in which is maintained a state graded, semi-graded or high school, as hereinafter provided.

A district so formed by consolidation or annexation shall be known as a consolidated school district. Before any steps are taken to organize a consolidated school district, the superintendent of the county in which the major portion of territory is situated, from which it is proposed to form a consolidated school district, shall cause a plat to be made showing the size and boundaries of the new district, the location of schoolhouses in the several districts, the location of other adjoining school districts and of schoolhouses therein, together with such other information as may be of essential value, and submit the same to the superintendent of public instruction, who shall approve, modify or reject the plan so proposed, and certify his conclusions to the county superintendent of schools. To receive state aid as a consolidated school of Class A or Class B, as defined in this act, the consolidated district must contain not less than eighteen sections and to receive state aid as a consolidated school of Class C, not less than twelve sections; but any existing school district of at least such area shall have the rights and privileges of a consolidated school district. A consolidated school district