CHAPTER 337-H. F. No. 928.

An Act to amend Section 380 of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905, relating to counties and to the change of boundary thereof.

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

Section 1. Assessed valuation of new counties to be at least \$4,000,000.—That Section 380 of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905 be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 380. The boundaries of counties may be changed by taking territory from a county and attaching the same to an adjoining county, and new counties may be established out of territory out of one or more existing counties, as hereafter provided; but no such new county shall contain less than four hundred (400) square miles, nor less than two thousand (2,000) inhabitants, nor shall it have an assessed valuation of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000), and no existing county shall be reduced in area below four hundred (400) square miles, nor so as to contain less than two thousand (2,000) inhabitants, nor so as to have an assessed valuation of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000)."

Approved April 17, 1913.

CHAPTER 338—S. F. No. 554.

An Act authorizing cities of this state, having a population of 10,000 inhabitants or less, to issue and sell their negotiable bonds for the purpose of taking up and paying off overdue bonds. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Cities of 10,000 or less given right to issue new bonds to take up overdue bonds—New bonds to run 15 years at 6%.—In addition to the rights and powers granted by law to the several cities of the state of Minnesota, which rights and powers shall not be abridged by this act, there is hereby granted to all cities organized or existing under and by virtue of a home rule charter or any general or special law of Minnesota, and having a population of 10,000 inhabitants or less, according to the last officially promulgated state or United States census, the power and authority to issue and sell as hereinafter provided, the negotiable bonds of any such city for the purpose of taking up and paying off the over-due bonds of said city, the provisions of the laws of this state, whether general or special, governing any such city to the contrary notwithstanding, and notwithstanding the amount of the indebtedness of such city.

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The term "overdue bonds" as used in this act shall be held to mean and include all outstanding bonds which shall be, at the

time of the passage of this act, past due and not paid.

To apply only to cities now having overdue bonds. -Bonds of any such city issued under the authority of this act shall be issued in the following manner, to-wit: The common council or city council of such city shall, first, by ordinance passed by a majority vote of all members authorize the issue of the bond of such city to take up and refund such overdue bonds, which bonds shall run for not more than fifteen (15) years and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum, principal and interest payable at such time and place as may be fixed by such council. Such bonds to be of such denomination or denominations as the council shall by ordinance prescribe, and be signed by the mayor, attested by the clerk of said city and sealed with the seal of the city, and shall be sold at not less than par value to the highest responsible bidder after notice published at least once in each week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the date of such sale in the official paper of said city. No city shall pay a commission exceeding one and one-half (11/2) per cent as compensation for the sale of such bonds.

Sec. 3. No such city shall be permitted to issue any bonds under this act except such as exist at the date of the passage and approval of this act, nor shall any such city be entitled to avail itself of the provisions of this act unless it shall proceed to do so within eight (8) months from the date of the passage and approval of this act.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and

after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1913.

CHAPTER 339—S. F. No. 644.

An Act amending Chapter 106 of the Revised Laws of 1905, entitled "Jails, lockups and juvenile offenders," as amended by Chapter 342, General Laws of 1907, and providing for the appointment of two (2) probation officers in counties of more than fifty thousand (50,000) inhabitants where more than one juvenile court has been established, and the places of holding same are more than fifty (50) miles distant from each other.

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

Section 1. Duties of county board and district judges as to probation officers.—That Section 5496 of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for the year 1905, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 342 of the General Laws of 1907, be amended so as to read as follows: