

over, if the county board determines by resolution that balances due from banks that were county depositaries, and which banks suspended and became defunct prior to 1898, are uncollectible against said banks, their sureties and their stockholders, it may authorize and direct the county auditor and the county treasurer to charge off and cancel all such uncollected and uncollectible balances upon their respective books and records, and to charge such canceled amounts against the state, the county and cities within said county in proportion to the amount each had on deposit in said banks at the time of their suspension.

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CHAPTER 102—S. F. No. 779.

*An act authorizing cities of this state now or hereafter having over 50,000 inhabitants to issue and sell municipal bonds for the purpose of acquiring by purchase, condemnation or otherwise lands in such cities for municipal baths, and improving the same.*

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

**Section 1. \$35,000 municipal bath bonds authorized for Minneapolis.**—Any city of this state now or hereafter having a population of over 50,000 inhabitants, in addition to all the powers now possessed by such city, is hereby authorized and empowered, acting by and through the city council or common council of such city, by resolution duly passed by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all members elect of such city council or common council, to issue and sell municipal bonds of such city to an amount not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars par value, for the purpose of acquiring, by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, lands in such city for municipal baths and improving the same.

**Sec. 2. To be issued notwithstanding present indebtedness.**—The bonds hereby authorized or any part thereof may be issued and sold by any such city notwithstanding any limitation contained in the charter of such city or 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 hereunder and for the current interest thereon, and the city council or 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 as it accrues and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

**Sec. 3. Thirty years at 4 per cent and form of issuance.**—No bonds shall be issued by any such city under this act for the purpose hereinbefore named to run for a longer period than thirty years or bearing a higher rate of interest than 4 per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually, but the place of the payment of the principal and interest thereon and the denominations in which the same shall be issued shall be such as shall be determined by the city council or common council. All such bonds shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the city comptroller and shall be sealed with the seal of such city, except that the signatures to the coupons attached thereto, if any, may be lithographed thereon, and none of such bonds shall be sold for less than 95 per cent of their par value and accrued interest and then only to the highest responsible bidders therefor.

**Sec. 4. Application.**—This act shall not apply to cities governed by a home-rule charter adopted pursuant to section 36, article 4 of the state constitution, and the laws of this state relating to the adoption of such home rule charters.

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

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#### CHAPTER 103—S. F. No. 780.

*An act to amend Sections 1, 5 and 6, Chapter 185, General Laws of Minnesota for 1911, as subsequently amended, entitled: "An act relating to the acquisition of lands for streets, parks and parkways in cities of the first class and the improvement and government thereof and the improvement and government of existing streets and parkways," approved April 18, 1911; also to amend the title thereof by inserting the word "parks" after the words "existing streets" where used in the title.*

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

**Section 1. Amendment of title to chapter 185, General Statutes 1911, providing for the taking and improving of land for park purposes in Minneapolis.**—The title of chapter 185 of the General Laws of Minnesota for 1911, entitled: "An act relating to the acquisition of lands for streets, parks and parkways in cities of the first class and the improvement and government thereof and the improvement and government of existing streets and parkways," as amended by section 7, chapter 345, General Laws of Minnesota for 1913, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "An act relating to the acquisition of lands for streets, parks and parkways in cities of the first class and the