

CHAPTER 110—S. F. No. 298.

An act to empower the governor, attorney general and state auditor, to enter into agreements with persons, co-partnerships and corporations for the purpose of mining and disposing of iron ore situate under the waters of any public lake or river within the state of Minnesota, and providing for the disposal of all funds arising from such sale and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Contracts for removing ore from under lake beds authorized at minimum royalty of 50 cents per ton.—The governor, attorney general and state auditor are hereby empowered to enter into contracts or agreements with persons, co-partnerships or corporations for the mining and disposing of the iron ore situate under any waters of any public lake or river in the state of Minnesota. The minimum royalty for each gross ton of iron ore disposed of under such contract, shall be not less than fifty cents per ton upon the ore in its natural condition as mined. Such contracts or agreements for the mining, removing and disposing of such iron ore may provide for the drainage of such lake or river, or the diversion of the waters thereof to a new bed or channel. The contracting parties herein provided for on the part of the state of Minnesota, shall have power to institute condemnation proceedings to pay for the interests of private persons or corporations who may be injured or whose rights may be destroyed by the carrying on of such operations, and such contracts or agreements for mining, removing or disposing of such iron ore may contain a covenant on the part of the second party to return the waters of such lake or river to their former beds as nearly as possible after the ore shall have been removed.

Sec. 2. Royalty derived to be added to permanent school fund.—The principal of all funds arising from the disposal of such iron ore shall forever be preserved inviolate and undiminished and shall be added to the permanent school fund of the state to be invested and re-invested as provided by law for the investment of said permanent school fund, and the interest thereon shall be distributed in the same manner as the income from the present school fund is now, by law, distributed.

Sec. 3. Bids to be received and highest bidder to receive awards.—All contracts or agreements for the mining, removing and disposing of iron ore provided for in section 1 of this act shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder on the basis of the royalty to be paid to the state, after such sale shall have been advertised for three weeks in such a manner and in such

legal publications as the above named state officers shall determine, but no bids shall be entertained that shall not equal or exceed the minimum price specified in this act.

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

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CHAPTER 111—S. F. No. 402.

An act authorizing any county in this state having not less than 300,000 inhabitants to issue bonds to enlarge, equip and improve, and to provide new buildings and additional grounds for, its county sanatorium established and maintained for the treatment and care of persons affected with tuberculosis.

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

Section 1. **\$300,000 Hennepin county sanatorium bonds authorized.**—The board of county commissioners of each and every county in this state now or hereafter having not less than 300,000 inhabitants wherein a county sanatorium is, or shall be established under or by virtue of chapter 500, General Laws of 1913, and all acts amendatory thereof, for the care and treatment of persons affected with tuberculosis, is hereby authorized by resolutions duly passed by a majority vote to issue and sell the negotiable bonds of such county in such amount as it shall deem necessary not to exceed, however, three hundred thousand (\$300,000) dollars, par value, for the purpose of enlarging, equipping and improving, and providing additional buildings and grounds for, such sanatorium.

Sec. 2. **To run 15 years at interest not to exceed five per cent—how signed.**—Such county board may issue and sell the bonds of the county for the purposes hereinbefore specified not exceeding three hundred thousand (\$300,000) dollars par value of such bonds, the principal of which bonds shall mature and be payable in not more than 15 annual installments as nearly equal as practical, the first annual installment whereof shall mature not more than 5 years from the issuance of such bonds. Such bonds shall be sold in the manner provided for in section 1856, General Statutes of 1913, but the rate of interest shall in no case exceed 5 per cent per annum, payable annually or semi-annually. The board of county commissioners of any such county shall have power to levy under the authority of this act a tax on all the taxable property of the county sufficient to pay said bonds in annual installments corresponding to the amounts of interest and principal thereof as herein provided falling due from year to year.