and collected for road and bridge purposes within the meaning of any law limiting the amount of taxes which may be levied or voted at the annual town meeting.

Such tax shall be certified to the county auditor, extended and collected and paid over to the town treasurer in the same manner as other town taxes and payment thereof shall be enforced in the same manner and with like penalties and interest as other town taxes. The proceeds of such tax shall constitute the town road drainage fund, which shall be expended by the town board in paying the cost and expenses of draining the public roads within the town.

When a petition signed by ten or more freeholders and voters of a town shall be presented to the town clerk at least twenty days before the time of holding the annual town meeting, praying that the question of the authorizing the town board to levy and assess a town road drainage tax be submitted to the voters of such town, the town clerk shall include in his notice of such annual town meeting, a notice that such question will be voted on at such meeting. Such question shall be voted on by ballot and it shall be the duty of the clerk to provide, at the expense of the town, a suitable number of ballots which may be printed or written or partly printed and partly written in substantially the following form, to-wit:

If a majority of the votes cast on the proposition be in the affirmative, the town board shall have authority to levy annually a tax as hereinbefore provided until such time as the electors at an annual town meeting upon like procedure shall have voted by a majority vote of those voting on the question to withdraw from the town board authority to levy such town road drainage tax. The votes on such question shall be canvassed and the result declared and recorded in the manner provided by law with reference to the election of town officers.

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

Approved April 14, 1917.

CHAPTER 260—H. F. No. 1274.

An act legalizing action heretofore taken by consolidated school districts relative to the voting of additional bonds for issuance to the state of Minnesota in cases where the notice calling for the election on such issuance and the form of ballot used were not in conformity with the then existing law and authorizing the state board of investment to accept said bonds and loan state funds thereon.

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

Section 1. Legalizing action of consolidated school districts in Delhi, Redwood county.--Whenever the school board of any consolidated school district in this state has heretofore adopted a resolution stating that in the opinion of such board it was expedient for the school district in question to issue to the state of Minnesota its bonds for the purpose of completing a new school building and specifying in such resolution the rate of interest, the number of such bonds, the amount of each and the dates of maturity thereof, and calling a meeting of the district to vote upon such question, such resolution being in conformity with the provisions of the constitution and the laws of the state in that regard, and where the notice of such meeting and the form of ballot used was not in conformity with the provisions of law, and at the school meeting the bonding proposition carried by the requisite majority, the action of such school meeting is hereby legalized and the state board of investment is authorized to take said bonds and loan state funds thereon.

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

Approved April 14, 1917.

CHAPTER 261-S. F. No. 1006.

An act providing for the Minnesota public safety commission, defining its powers and duties in event of war and otherwise, and appropriating money for carrying out the purposes thereof.

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

Section 1. Creation of Minnesota commission of public safety.—There is hereby created a commission consisting of seven (7) members, to be known as the Minnesota commission of public safety. The governor and attorney general shall be ex-officio members of such commission and the governor shall be chairman thereof, and the other members shall be citizens of the state and shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate, if in session, and if not in session, the confirmation thereof to be as soon thereafter as the senate shall be convened, and such appointees shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor.

Sec. 2. Organization.—Such commission shall elect one of its members vice-chairman and he shall perform the duties of the chairman as such during the absence or inability of the chairman to act. Such commission shall have power to adopt by-laws for its government and the convenient transaction of its business, to change such by-laws from time to time and to pro-