

statement of the reporter therefor duly approved by the presiding judge; whereupon the auditor shall issue his warrant in payment thereof.

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

Approved March 5, 1917.

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CHAPTER 52—S. F. No. 438.

*An act authorizing county boards to issue bridge bonds in certain cases.*

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

Section 1. **Issuance of bridge bonds authorized without submission to voters.**—Whenever the county board of any county in this state shall deem it advisable to construct, repair or renew any bridge or bridges over waters within the county or bordering thereon and such county has no outstanding road and bridge bonds issued as such, and such board has been previously petitioned by twenty-five or more voters of the county who are also free holders, to take such action, such county board may cause the bridge bonds of said county to be issued and sold in an amount not exceeding  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 1 per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within said county, without submitting the matter to a vote of the electors of said county. Such bonds shall be signed by the chairman of such board and countersigned by the county auditor and shall be payable not more than twenty years from their date, and shall bear interest evidenced by coupons which shall not exceed six per cent per annum payable semi-annually, and shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest. Bonds issued to defray the expense of state rural highways shall not be considered road and bridge bonds within the meaning of this act.

Sec. 2. **Not to limit existing laws.**—This act shall not be construed as any limitation upon the power of any county or county board under any existing law.

Approved March 5, 1917.

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CHAPTER 53—S. F. No. 137.

*An act to amend Section 4335 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, prohibiting the granting to or use by any person of any free pass, frank or special privilege withheld from any other person, and to fix a penalty for the violation thereof.*

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

Section 1. **Railroads permitted to issue passes to certain**