

sions of this act, a township telephone system shall be established in any township wherein any of the inhabitants of such town are already provided with telephone service furnished by any other telephone company, person or persons, such township shall, when so requested by said telephone company, person or persons, acquire from said telephone company all telephone equipment used by said telephone company, person or persons, in furnishing telephone service to the inhabitants of such township exclusively. For the purpose of determining the purchase price of such equipment application shall be made to the State Railroad and Warehouse Commission whose duty it shall be thereupon to determine the just compensation which the owner of such telephone equipment is entitled to receive therefor from the township. Before deciding upon such compensation, said commission shall at a public meeting which may be adjourned from time to time hear all interested parties on the question involved. The commission shall by order fix the compensation and furnish a copy of its order to the township, and to the telephone company, person or persons concerned. An appeal may be taken to the district court of the county wherein such township is situated from that part of the order fixing the compensation to be paid, within thirty days, by either party, which appeal shall be tried the same as other appeals hereunder: if no such appeal is taken the order of the commission shall become final at the end of thirty days, and when appeal is taken the decision of the district court or of the supreme court if taken there from the district court shall be final.

Sec. 8. Town boards to manage.—The Board of Supervisors of any such township is hereby vested with all necessary authority to manage, maintain and operate any township telephone system constructed under the provisions of this Act, and, to that end, may, among other things, contract for the connection of such township lines with exchanges owned by others for switching, local exchange and toll connections, hire and discharge such employees as may be necessary to operate and maintain such township system, establish rules and regulations, and, subject to the approval of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission establish and from time to time change rates and charges, covering the service furnished to the users.

Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1921.

CHAPTER 440—H. F. No. 425.

An act to amend Chapter 179 Session Laws 1919, being "an

act to amend Chapter 7, Laws 1917, authorizing the treasurer of the State of Minnesota to receive payments on sales of school and other state lands where the time limit for payment has expired or will expire on or before July 31, 1921, and the Governor of the State of Minnesota to execute patents therefor."

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

Section 1. State Treasurer to extend time of payment on state lands in certain cases.—That Section 1 of Chapter 179, Session Laws 1919, be hereby amended to read as follows :

"Section 1. That the treasurer of the State of Minnesota is hereby authorized to receive payment up to and including December 31, 1921, of the principal on all state land certificates where the time for payment of the said principal has expired or will expire on or before July 31, 1921, and the Governor of the State of Minnesota is hereby authorized to execute patents covering those lands on which all demands due the state have been paid in full as hereinbefore provided."

Sec. 2. Interest at 10% on unpaid balance.—That Section 2 of Chapter 179, Session Laws 1919, be hereby amended to read as follows :

"Section 2. That interest on the principal remaining unpaid on July 31, 1921, shall run thereafter at the rate of ten (10) per cent per annum until the said principal is paid in full."

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1921.

CHAPTER 441—H. F. No. 447.

An act to amend Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 453 of the Laws of Minnesota for 1917, relating to the consolidation of certain school districts in connection with villages and cities of the fourth class.

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

Section 1. School districts may consolidate—Procedure.—That section 2 of chapter 453 of the Laws of Minnesota for 1917 be and the same hereby is amended so as to read :

Section 2. Whenever a petition signed and acknowledged by at least twenty five percent of the legal voters of each school district affected shall be presented to the state commissioner of education requesting that the said districts be united to form one district, and requesting the said state commissioner to call an election within each affected district to vote upon the consolidating of such districts, the state commissioner of education shall make proper inquiry as to the advisability of such proposed consolidation, and if he shall deem it for the best interest of education therein and of the territory