

years or age or over shall be eligible to receive payments under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 6. Assignments of claim not valid—Transfer a misdemeanor.—No assignment of any right or claim to the benefits herein provided for shall be valid, and any attempt to transfer any such right or claim, or any part thereof, shall be a misdemeanor and shall be punishable accordingly.

Sec. 7. Tax levy authorized—Proceeds to State treasurer.—The proper authorities of each city of the second, third and fourth classes, and of each village and town, in which is maintained a regularly organized volunteer fire department, shall annually vote a tax for the aid provided by this act in an amount equal to two dollars for each member of the volunteer fire department of such city, village or town, and annually after the collection of such tax, the proceeds thereof shall be transmitted by the proper authorities to the state treasurer and shall be accredited by him to a special fund to be known as the "Volunteer Firemen's Aid Fund" and the amount thereof is hereby annually appropriated to the commissioner of insurance for the purposes of this act and shall be disbursed by him in accordance with the provisions hereof.

Sec. 8. Not to affect workmen's compensation act.—This act shall not be construed as abridging, repealing or amending the laws of this state relating to fire department relief associations. Members of volunteer fire departments existing in cities, villages, boroughs or towns shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter 82, Laws 1921, as amended, commonly known as the Workmen's Compensation Act, nor shall they receive any benefit thereunder.

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

Approved April 10, 1923.

CHAPTER 180—H. F. No. 935.

An act authorizing boards of municipal works of any city in this state created under the provisions of Chapter 165 Laws of Minnesota for the year 1903, and acts amendatory thereof, to issue bonds for the purpose of reconstructing, enlarging and improving the public water works plant in such cities.

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

Section 1. Water works bonds authorized in certain cases.—That the Board of Municipal Works of any city in this state, created under the provisions of Chapter 165, Laws of Minnesota for the year 1903, approved April 10, 1903, and Acts amendatory thereof, are hereby authorized and fully empowered to execute, sign, issue, sell, and deliver the bonds for and in behalf of said city to such amount as in its judgment may be necessary, but not

exceeding the amount of \$125,000.00 in addition to any bonds heretofore authorized but not yet issued, to make funds for the purpose of reconstructing, enlarging, and improving the public water works plant, pumping and water distributing system in said city.

Sec. 2. Not affected by limitations.—The bonds hereby authorized, or any part thereof, may be issued and sold by said board for and in behalf of such city, for said purpose, notwithstanding any provision contained in the charter of such city or any law of this state or any limitations contained in said charter or laws prescribing or fixing any limit upon the bonded indebtedness of such city, or the amount thereof to become due and payable in any one fiscal year, but the full faith and credit of such city shall at all times be pledged for the payment of any such bonds issued thereunder and for the payment of the current interest thereon.

Sec. 3. Board of municipal works to negotiate and sell bonds—Publication.—The said Board of Municipal Works is hereby empowered to and shall have authority to negotiate the sale of said bonds in such manner as in its judgment shall best subserve and safeguard the rights and interests of said city, but, before any of such bonds are sold, notice shall be published at least once in each week for two successive weeks, in the official paper of said city, of a meeting of said Board to open and consider bids therefor. The time and place of such meeting shall be fixed and the newspaper in which the notice shall be published designated by a resolution duly passed and recorded, which may provide for additional notice. At the time and place so fixed the bids shall be opened, and the offer complying with the terms of such sale and deemed most favorable shall be accepted. Provided that said board may reject any and all such offers and upon like notice, may invite other bids.

Sec. 4. Limitation—Time of selling—Rate of interest—Form of bond—Proceeds.—No bonds shall be issued or sold under this Act after two years from the date of its passage, and no bonds shall be issued by such Board hereunder to run for a longer period than thirty years, or bearing a higher rate of interest than five per cent per annum, but the place of payment of principal and interest thereon, and the denominations in which the same shall be issued, shall be determined by said Board. All such bonds shall be signed by the president of the Board and attested by the secretary thereof, and shall be sealed with the seal of said Board, except that the signature to the coupons attached thereto, if any, may be lithographed thereon, and none of such bonds shall be sold for less than their par value and accrued interest, and then only to the highest responsible bidder therefor. The proceeds of said bonds when sold shall be placed in the treasury of such city to the credit of such Board of Municipal Works of said City and shall be used only for the purpose hereinbefore specified.

Sec. 5. Sinking Fund—How established.—That after the issuance of any such bonds the said board of Municipal Works may

provide for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds or of some specified portion thereof, at their maturity. Such sinking fund shall be created and established by ordinance of said Board, and the moneys to be paid therein shall be obtained from the following sources, to-wit: 1st.—A fixed amount, designated in said ordinance, shall be annually included by the secretary of said Board in his estimate of the several amounts required during the next ensuing fiscal year, and shall be listed by him in his special estimate for the water works department "for sinking fund." Said Board may annually transfer, by resolution in writing, to said sinking fund such portion of the surplus found in the treasury of the water department at the end of any fiscal year, as said board may deem advisable and as said ordinance may permit.

Sec. 6. **Limitation on use of proceeds.**—Said Board hereby is and shall be authorized and fully empowered, in addition to all other powers possessed by it, to use the said bonds or the proceeds of the sale thereof for the purpose hereinbefore specified, but neither the same nor any part thereof shall be used for any other purpose.

Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 10, 1923.

CHAPTER 181—H. F. No. 956.

An act to amend Chapter 334, General Laws, Minnesota, 1905, relating to the issuance of bonds by cities of the fourth class for water works or light plant purposes.

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

Section 1. **Bond issues authorized for water and light plant in certain cities of the fourth class.**—That Section 2 of Chapter 334, General Laws, Minnesota, 1905, be, and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:—

Sec. 2. Whenever the city council of any such city, at a regular called meeting thereof, determine by resolution, duly adopted by a three-fourths majority vote of all the members thereof, entered upon the minutes of the proceedings, that it is necessary either to purchase water works or light plants already in existence, or construct, extend, enlarge or improve a municipal water or light plant or either or all thereof, as the case may be, and that the funds in the treasury of said city available therefor, are not sufficient for such purpose, and that it is necessary to issue the bonds of such city in an amount to be determined by such city council in such resolution, such city council may cause the proposition of issuing such bonds in such amount to be submitted to the electors of such city at any general or special election, to be held therein. Such resolution shall fix the time of said voting, if the same be submitted at a