

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

Section 1. Regulation of reserve fund and assets of fraternal beneficiary associations.—That section 3541, General Statutes 1913, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 3541. Every association transacting business under this act shall provide for the payment of death or disability benefits, or both, and may provide for the payment of benefits in case of temporary or permanent physical disability, either as the result of disease, accident or old age, provided, the period of life at which the payment of benefits for disability on account of old age shall commence shall not be under seventy years. Any such association may grant to its members extended and paid-up protection or such withdrawal equities as its constitution and laws may provide; provided, that such grants shall in no case exceed in value the portion of the reserves to the credit of such members to whom they are made and that such association shall show by an annual valuation made by a competent actuary approved by the Commissioner of Insurance that it is accumulating and maintaining for the benefit of such members the reserves required by the American Experience Table of Mortality with interest at the rate of four (4) per cent per annum, or by the National Fraternal Congress Table of Mortality with interest at the rate of four (4) per cent per annum, and the association shall carry as a liability the reserves so determined, and that assets representing such reserves shall be held in trust for such members separate and distinct from assets belonging to members holding certificates on which such reserves are not maintained, and that the assets so held in trust shall not be used to pay any claims or benefits upon any certificates to members other than to the members for whom said assets are so held in trust.

Nor shall anything contained herein or contained in the laws of this state regulating fraternal benefit societies, orders or associations be held to restrict the right of any fraternal benefit society in the use of any surplus over and above the accumulation required by the table by which the rates are computed and the accretions thereon, as prescribed by the laws or rules of the society, provided the same are used for the common benefit of all the members.

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CHAPTER 225—H. F. No. 875.

An act providing for the establishment and maintenance by the State of Minnesota of a system of rural credit; for the loaning of money by the State of Minnesota upon real estate within the state; authorizing the State of Minnesota to borrow money on its certificates and bonds secured by the good faith and credit of the state for the purpose of maintaining such system of rural credits; the Minnesota rural credit bureau for the management thereof and

defining the powers and duties of such bureau and its officers Providing for certain appropriations.

Section 1. Rural Credits Bureau Established—Definitions.—The following words and phrases in this act shall unless the same be inconsistent with the context be construed as follows:

The terms "Farm Land," "Farm" and "Farms" shall be held to mean:

Farms used principally for raising agricultural products.

Farms used principally for dairying or live stock purposes.

The word "Bureau" wherever found shall mean "Minnesota Rural Credit Bureau."

Whenever used in this act the masculine gender shall be held to include the feminine gender.

Sec. 2. Purposes—Membership—Terms—Appointments—Bonds—Salaries of Officials.—For the purpose of fostering and encouraging agriculture, dairying and livestock raising in the State of Minnesota, and the development and improvement of farm lands, there is hereby created and established in this state a system of rural credits to be controlled and managed by the Minnesota Rural Credit Bureau, which shall have charge of the administration of this act and all acts amendatory thereto. Said Bureau shall consist of three members who shall be specially qualified and competent to properly administer this act and who shall be residents of this state. The attorney general shall appoint one member of said Bureau who shall be an assistant attorney general. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint two members thereof, one as chairman and the other as secretary. The member appointed as chairman shall at the time of appointment be an actual farmer familiar with farm land values in this state. The member appointed as secretary shall be specially qualified in and familiar with real estate, loans and investments in this state. The two members appointed by the Governor shall not both belong to the same political party. Such appointments shall be made immediately or as soon as practicable after the passage of this act. The terms of office of the members of the Bureau first appointed shall begin upon qualification of the persons appointed and continue in case of the secretary for two years, the assistant attorney general for four years, and the chairman for six years, from the first day of July next after such appointment is made. After the first appointment, members of the Bureau shall be appointed respectively for terms of six years commencing on the first day of July in each case. Each appointee shall hold office until his successor has qualified. In case of a vacancy it shall be filled for the unexpired term in which such vacancy occurs, as herein provided for original appointments.

Any member of said Bureau may be removed for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office, by the authority appointing such member, but before removal such member shall be fur-

nished with a copy of the charges against him and have opportunity to be heard in his defense. Each member of the Bureau appointed, shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, take, subscribe and file with the Secretary of State the oath of office prescribed by the constitution of this state for state officers, and shall furnish a bond in a sum not less than Ten Thousand Dollars to be fixed and approved by the Governor for the faithful performance of the duties of his office. All such bonds shall be filed with the Secretary of State. The Governor may from time to time require any member of said Bureau to furnish additional bond in such amount as he may direct and such bond shall always be sufficient to indemnify the state against loss. A majority of such Bureau shall constitute a quorum.

The chairman and secretary of such Bureau shall each receive a salary of \$4,500 per year payable monthly, together with all actual necessary traveling and other expenses paid or incurred in connection with the discharge of their official duties."

Sec. 3. Bureau to provide offices and employes.—Such Bureau shall have the power to provide for its office, necessary furniture, fixtures, stationery and supplies and to employ such assistants, clerks, laborers, attorneys and other employes as are actually necessary for the conduct of the business of said Bureau and to fix all fees, costs and charges incident to the administration of this act; and to define the duties of the officers, agents and employes of said Bureau and all such officers, agents and employes shall be under the direction and authority of said Bureau in all matters not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, and shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of their duties as the Bureau may require.

Sec. 4. Duties and powers of bureau.—It shall be the duty of said Bureau, within thirty days after their appointment, to establish and thereafter maintain in this state a system of rural credits. Such Bureau shall have its office at the seat of Government of this state, and shall have the power to adopt rules and regulations, proper and necessary for the conduct of its business, and to receive applications for farm loans, approve the same and borrow money on the good faith and credit of the State of Minnesota, to be used in lending money on real estate as herein provided; and in the name of the State to acquire, own, hold, lease or dispose of such property, real personal or mixed, as may be necessary or convenient for the transaction of its business, provided that such properties shall be taken for a pre-existent debt; to issue bonds payable by the State of Minnesota, bearing interest at not to exceed five per cent per annum in such amounts as may be necessary or convenient for the transaction of its business and sell the same at not less than their par value. Provided, that the aggregate of bonds issued and outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$40,000,000.00.

The aggregate amount of bonds outstanding at any one time shall never exceed the total amount of cash on hand, exclusive of the reserve fund, and of mortgages then held by the Bureau, computed at the face value thereof, together with the real property taken by the state under foreclosure or in settlement of a loan valued at the amount of the loan or loans made thereon. In addition to the power to issue bonds, the Bureau may issue its certificate of indebtedness and tax levy certificates subject to the limitations of Section 12 of this act. Before issuing any certificates or bonds, it shall be the duty of the Bureau to furnish the Governor a financial statement showing the condition of the business of the Bureau and such other and further information as may be required by him, which statement shall be filed in the office of the Governor and a copy thereof shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State to be filed and kept by him as permanent record of his office. Whenever any certificates or bonds are issued by the Bureau it shall be the duty of the Bureau to promptly submit to the Governor a full statement thereof, which statement shall be filed in his office and a copy thereof shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State to be filed in his office as a permanent record; and it shall be the duty of said Bureau to make the Governor on the first day of August of each year a full report of its business for the preceding fiscal year with such general information and recommendations as may to the Bureau seem proper and on or before the 10th day of each month to make a statement of its business for the preceding calendar month upon such forms as may be required by the Public Examiner; and it shall be the duty of the Public Examiner to audit such statements and make a written report thereon which shall be filed in his office as a permanent record, a copy of which shall be forthwith submitted to the Governor and to the Secretary of said Bureau. The Bureau shall have all such powers as shall be necessary to carry out the purpose of this act; and in all matters arising thereunder the state may sue and be sued as a natural person.

Sec. 5. Seal.—The Bureau shall provide itself with and keep a seal. The design of this seal shall be as follows: a circle within which shall appear the word "seal." Between the lower and upper halves of the circle properly divided shall appear the words "Minnesota Rural Credit Bureau, State of Minnesota."

Sec. 6. Duties of secretary.—The Secretary of said Bureau shall keep the seal of the Bureau and shall affix such seal with his attestation to all instruments or papers whenever the Bureau shall so direct. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of such Bureau and such books and records as are necessary for the conduct of the business of the Bureau and shall keep in his care and custody all promissory notes, mortgages, or other securities or evidences of indebtedness or muniments of title and all papers, records and instruments of any kind acquired or received by said Bureau

and shall do and perform such other acts as may be required of him by the Bureau.

Sec. 7. State treasurer to be custodian of funds.—All moneys of the Bureau, whether resulting from the sale of bonds, certificates or otherwise, shall be paid into the state treasury and be disbursed by direction of the Bureau in the same manner as other state funds are disbursed. The auditor and treasurer shall keep separate account of said moneys as herein provided. Proceeds from the sale of all bonds and certificates, premiums received thereon, payments of principal and interest on loans and all other receipts from any source shall be paid into a Rural Credits Fund, except as herein otherwise provided. The Bureau shall determine the proportion of interest collected upon loans which shall be used for operating expenses, which shall be, as near as practicable, the difference between the interest paid by the state for money borrowed on its bonds and the interest paid by the borrower. The interest set apart for such purpose shall be credited to a Reserve Fund, as shall also the repayment of any sums originally disbursed therefrom as a part of the Bureau's administrative expenses. All administrative expenses shall be paid out of the Reserve Fund and all other disbursements shall be made out of the Rural Credits Fund.

Sec. 8. Mortgage loans—Appraisal.—Before any mortgage loan is made under the provisions of this act an appraisal of and a written report upon the land offered as security for such loan shall be made by the Bureau or by the Bureau caused to be made by one or more competent appraisers familiar with land values in the locality where the land appraised is situated. No such loan shall be made unless such appraisal and written report is filed with the Secretary of said Bureau and considered and approved by the affirmative vote of at least two members of the Bureau and a record of the names of the members of the Bureau voting for approval of such loan shall be made and preserved.

Sec. 9. Security for loans—Terms of loans—Purposes of loans—Limitation of loans—Rate of interest.—Said Bureau shall make loans only upon the following terms and conditions:

a. Said loan shall be secured by a duly recorded first mortgage on improved or partially improved farm land located within this state and owned, occupied and used in good faith by the mortgagor for the purposes specified in this act.

b. Every such mortgage shall contain an agreement providing for the repayment of the loan on an amortization plan by means of semi-annual installments so computed as to pay the interest on the loan according to the terms of the mortgage, and also such amounts to be applied on the principal as will terminate the debt within an agreed period of not more than forty years; provided that after five years from date of such mortgage, additional payments for part or all of the principal may be made on the semi-annual payment

date in sums equal to one or more of the semi-annual instalments stipulated in such mortgage, under such rules and regulations as the Bureau may prescribe. Provided further that where mortgaged land is sold more than one year after the date of the mortgage and not over five years from its date, payment of the unpaid principal may be made, on the payment in addition to such principal, of a sum equal to one half of one per cent of such principal.

c. The Bureau may lend money on farm lands subject to liens or assessments for drainage, payable in installments, not due at the time of making such loan, and the mortgage taken to secure the loan shall, notwithstanding said liens or assessments, be deemed a first mortgage within the meaning of this act, provided, however, that the amount of said liens or assessments shall be considered by the Bureau in determining the amount to be loaned on such farm lands; and provided further that for the purposes of this act the existence of outstanding mineral reservations shall not be deemed to constitute a defect of title.

d. Such loans may be made for the following purposes and no other:

1. To provide for the purchase of equipment or live stock necessary for the use of the borrower in the proper and reasonable operation of the mortgaged farm land owned, occupied and used by the borrower in good faith for the purposes specified in this act; the term "equipment" to be defined by the Bureau.

2. To provide for buildings and other improvements of farm lands actually owned, occupied and used by the borrower in good faith for the purposes specified by this act; the term "improvement" to be defined by the Bureau.

3. To liquidate indebtedness of the person owning and in good faith occupying, and using for the purposes specified by this act, the land mortgaged existing at the time of the organization of said Bureau; or indebtedness subsequently incurred for purposes mentioned in this section.

4. For part payment of the purchase price of improved farm land in good faith, occupied and used by the borrower for the purposes specified by this act under the terms of a land purchase contract or bond for a deed provided the venter in such contract or bond conveys such land by good and sufficient deed to the borrower and takes a second mortgage thereon for the remainder of the unpaid purchase money.

e. No such loan shall exceed sixty per cent of the value of the land as ascertained and fixed by the Bureau, plus thirty-three and one third per cent of the appraised value of the improvements thereon; provided, that for the purpose of this act the value of such improvements shall in no case exceed fifty per cent of the value of the land, and provided further, that in no case shall any farm improvements be considered worth more than eight thousand dollars.

A re-appraisal may be permitted at any time in the discretion of the Bureau and such loan may be granted as such re-appraisal may warrant under the provisions of this act. Whenever the amount of the loan applied for exceeds the amount limited by the terms of this act, such loan may be granted to the amount permitted under the terms thereof without requiring a new application or appraisal.

f. No loan shall be made to any person who is not at the time in good faith occupying and engaged in the cultivation and development of the farm land mortgaged. In case of the sale of the mortgaged land the Bureau may permit said mortgage of the vendor to be assumed by the purchaser or by the heirs of the deceased mortgagor. In case the mortgagor shall vacate or cease to occupy and use in good faith for the purposes specified in this act such mortgaged land without written permission of the Bureau, and the security thereby is impaired, the Bureau may at its option declare the whole amount of the loan thereon to be due and payable. Provided there is a default in payment according to the terms of the loan or failure of payment of taxes on the land mortgaged.

g. The amount of loans to any one borrower shall never exceed a maximum sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars, nor shall any loan be for a less sum than Five Hundred Dollars.

h. Every applicant for a loan under this act shall make application on a form to be prescribed for that purpose by the Bureau. Such application and all such information so required shall be sworn to by the applicant. The applicant shall at the time of making application pay the Bureau a fee in such sum as may be fixed by the Bureau not exceeding fifteen dollars to be applied in payment of the expense of investigating and making the loan, examination of titles or otherwise as the Bureau may direct. Form blanks for such applications shall be furnished to the county auditor of each county in the state for the use of applicants.

i. Every borrower shall pay the simple interest on defaulted payments at the rate of seven per cent per annum and by express covenant in his mortgage deed shall pay when due all taxes, liens, judgments, assessments and insurance, which may be lawfully assessed against the mortgaged land; and by such covenant shall agree to and shall keep insured against fire and the elements in any local or other insurance company authorized to do business in this state by the Insurance Department to the satisfaction of the Bureau all buildings, the value of which was a factor in determining the amount of the loan. Insurance shall be made payable to the mortgagee, as its interest may appear at the time of loss; and at the option of the Mortgagor and subject to the general regulations of the Bureau, sums so received may be used to pay for reconstruction of the buildings destroyed. Taxes, judgments, assessments and other liens, affecting the security of the mortgage, and not paid when

due, may be paid by the mortgagee, at the option of the Bureau, and, when any buildings shall not be insured or kept insured as aforesaid, the Bureau, at its option, may obtain such insurance and pay the cost thereof, and any payments by the Bureau for any of the purposes aforesaid shall thereupon become a part of the debt secured by the mortgage, and shall bear simple interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum.

j. Every borrower who shall be granted a loan under the provisions of this act shall enter into an agreement with the state that if the whole or any portion of his loan shall be expended for purposes other than those specified in this act or in his original application or if the borrower shall be in default in respect to any condition or covenant of the mortgage the whole of said loan shall at the option of the Bureau become due and payable forthwith.

k. That no loan or mortgage securing same shall be impaired or invalidated by reason of any act of any agent of said Bureau in excess of his powers herein granted or any limitation thereon or in excess of the powers granted by said Bureau.

Sec. 10. Satisfaction of mortgages.—When the mortgagor or his successor in interest has fully paid any mortgage, it shall be the duty of the Bureau to furnish him with a proper release or satisfaction of said mortgage executed in the name of the state by the Chairman and attested by the Secretary of the Board with an impression of the Seal of the Bureau thereon, and the mortgage papers belonging to such loan including abstract of title, and insurance policies assigned, shall be returned to such person. Upon payment of any sum by a borrower under the provisions of this act the bureau shall furnish the payor with a receipt showing the nature of such payment and the date to which interest is paid and the balance of the principal remaining unpaid.

Sec. 11. Mortgages to run to the State of Minnesota.—All mortgages and the accompanying promissory note or notes taken by said Bureau for moneys loaned shall run to the State of Minnesota as mortgagee or payee as the case may be, and all titles to property taken by said Bureau shall run to the State of Minnesota as grantee and any real estate acquired by the Bureau may be sold under such rules and regulations and upon such terms as may be determined by the Bureau provided no such land shall be sold for an amount less than the indebtedness accrued thereon at the time of the acquisition of the title by said bureau together with interest thereon at the rate of not less than five per cent per annum until sold, less the net income derived therefrom after such acquisition of title, unless otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 12. Bonds, certificates of indebtedness, etc., to be issued.—Bonds, certificates of indebtedness and tax levy certificates provided for in this act shall be issued in such denominations, mature at such times and be sold and redeemed in such manner as the Bureau shall

determine, and the Bureau shall have full authority to prescribe such other rules and regulations as may be necessary or advisable in connection with the issuance of said bonds or certificates, including rules for the registration of bonds issued. In determining the maturity dates of bonds, the Bureau shall take into account the amortization provisions of this act. Certificates of indebtedness shall be issued only when there is insufficient money in the Rural Credits Fund available for the payment of interest upon outstanding bonds or certificates when due, and the issuance of certificate of indebtedness shall be limited to an amount sufficient to cover such deficiencies. Certificates of indebtedness shall mature not later than two years from date of issue and no more than five hundred thousand dollars of such certificates of indebtedness shall be outstanding at any one time but the Bureau may refund any outstanding certificates of indebtedness at maturity subject to the limitations hereof. All bonds and certificates shall be sold upon competitive bids after proper notice unless they are sold to the state's trust funds. Bonds and certificates issued by the Bureau shall designate on their face the purpose for which they are issued and shall be signed by the chairman of the Bureau in behalf of the Bureau and attested by the Secretary of State, and be in such form as shall be approved by the Attorney General and shall bind the State to pay the same according to the terms thereof. Facsimile signatures of the chairman and Secretary of State shall be sufficient upon interest coupons. Before issuance all bonds and certificates to be issued by the Bureau shall be presented to the State Auditor who shall make a record of the same, showing the number, amount, date of issue, date of maturity of each bond or certificate and the Auditor or his deputy shall certify thereon that such record has been made. If at any time there is insufficient money in the Rural credits fund to pay any bonds or certificates of indebtedness at maturity, or interest upon bonds or certificates, and which cannot otherwise be paid under the limitations of this act, the Bureau shall issue its tax levy certificates in an amount sufficient to cover said deficiency. Such tax levy certificates shall mature at the earliest practicable date and be sold in the same manner as bonds and other certificates issued by the Bureau. Upon the issuance of such tax levy certificates the Bureau shall certify the amount thereof and the maturity dates to the State Auditor who shall thereupon make a tax levy against all the taxable property of the state, in the same manner as other taxes are levied in an amount sufficient to pay said certificates at maturity, together with interest thereon. The moneys derived from said tax levy shall be credited to the Rural Credits Fund. Payment of interest falling due upon said certificates prior to the collection of said tax levy shall be made from the same fund. The Bureau may direct the State Auditor to cancel any tax levy prior to the date of certifying same to the several county auditors.

After the issue of tax levy certificates, and the levy and collection of the tax to pay said tax levy certificates, the Bureau shall provide that from the proceeds of the next issue of bonds under this act, the Bureau shall repay to the state the amount of money received by it from the taxes levied by the state to pay all tax levy certificates, with interest at four per cent from the date of receipt of such money by the Bureau from the state. Such re-payment shall be credited to the Revenue Fund.

Sec. 13. Attorney General to be legal advisor.—The Attorney General shall be the general legal advisor of the Bureau and its officers. The assistant Attorney general appointed under the provisions of this act, shall be the attorney of the Bureau and examiner of titles and shall receive a salary of \$4,500 per year payable monthly, together with all his necessary traveling or other expenses paid or incurred by him in connection with the discharge of his official duties. Subject to the general supervision of the attorney general, such assistant attorney general shall examine, or supervise the examination of, titles to lands offered as security for loans under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 14. Expense of loans—Abstracts.—The mortgagor shall pay for the recording of his mortgage and other papers connected with the loan which may be recorded. He shall furnish to the Bureau proper evidence of title under the Torrens system or an abstract of title to the Bureau at his own expense, under such rules as the Bureau may prescribe.

Sec. 15. Limitation of expense.—In making loans the Bureau shall charge not less than one-fourth of one per cent nor more than three-fourths of one per cent interest above the interest rate paid by the state for money borrowed, treating premiums received on sale of bonds as a reduction of the interest rate. Fractions of less than one-fourth of one per cent resulting from the sale of bonds when in excess of the three-fourths of one per cent limitation, shall not be considered.

Interest rates under this section shall be determined upon a semi-annual basis.

Sec. 16. Administrative expenses.—The state auditor shall transfer to the Reserve fund out of the appropriation available under this act from time to time, at the request of the bureau, such sum as may be necessary for the administrative expenses of the Bureau. Interest shall be paid on that part of the appropriation actually used at the average interest rate received by the state on its money on deposit in depositories, said interest to be paid from the Reserve Fund at the end of each fiscal year. Whenever at the end of any fiscal year the Reserve Fund, including the money herein appropriated, whether actually transferred to the credit of the Bureau or still available for transfer, shall amount to more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, the Bureau shall direct that one-

half of such excess shall be repaid to the revenue fund of the state and that any amount in excess of five per cent of the mortgages then held by the Bureau shall be transferred to the Rural Credits Fund. This process shall be repeated at the end of each fiscal year with respect to the net additions to the fund during the year until the amount used by the Bureau from the appropriation herein made has been fully repaid. Thereafter the Bureau may transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Rural Credits Fund any surplus not required for administrative expenses. Temporary loans also may be made from the Reserve Fund to meet maturing obligations to be paid out of the Rural Credits Fund, such loans to be returned as soon as practicable.

Sec. 17. Bureau and public examiner to prescribe records.—It shall be the duty of the Bureau assisted by the Public Examiner, to prescribe and prepare and install in the offices of said Bureau such a system of books, records, accounts, receipts, vouchers and documents as may be required to separate and verify each transaction; also such forms for reports and statements as may be required for the administration of this act, or for the information of the public.

Sec. 18. Mortgages, loans and land to be held as security for bonds.—Mortgages, promissory notes and other evidences of indebtedness and titles to real estate or other property acquired by said Bureau shall be held in trust for the payment of money borrowed by the State of Minnesota for the purposes of establishing and maintaining said system of rural credits and shall never be diverted to any other purpose, provided, however, that the said Bureau may invest and re-invest the proceeds of the same in first mortgage loans as provided by this act when not required for the current payment of bonds or certificates and interest thereon.

Sec. 19. All property shall be exempt from taxes.—All mortgages, real estate and other property owned and held by said Bureau in its business of loaning and all certificates or bonds issued by said Bureau in the transaction of the business shall be free from all general taxes, state, county, and municipal, and shall not be subject to State Income Tax. Such mortgage shall be exempt from any registration tax.

Sec. 20. Foreclosure of mortgages.—Any foreclosure of any of the mortgages provided for by this act shall be made in the usual manner, either by action or by advertisement, as the Bureau may direct. It shall be the duty of the Bureau upon default of the Mortgages, to foreclose any mortgage taken under the provisions of this Act promptly and in any event within six months after any such default, unless for special reasons, the Bureau shall determine that an extension of not more than one year will result in the borrower removing such default and placing such loan in good standing. In case of foreclosure it shall be the duty of the Attorney General

to render all services needed in connection with such foreclosure proceedings, and the costs and expenses, now or that may hereinafter be provided by law, in the foreclosure of real estate mortgages may be taxed in the foreclosure of any mortgage in like manner and to the same effect as if the state of Minnesota were a natural person. Provided no attorney's fee shall be collected upon any such foreclosure nor provided for in any mortgage given under this act.

Sec. 21. Interest on deposits.—Interest shall be allowed upon any moneys in the funds of the Bureau at the rate received by the state from its depositories. The Bureau shall have authority to determine the amount of moneys in its funds which shall be kept in active depositories and the amount in inactive depositories. As soon as practicable after the state has collected interest for any stated period, the state treasurer shall credit to each fund of the Bureau the amount of interest due and make a statement thereof to the Bureau.

Sec. 22. Clerical assistance in auditor's and treasurer's offices.—If it shall become necessary to employ additional clerical assistance in the offices of the State Auditor or State Treasurer by reason of the additional duties imposed upon said offices by this act, the actual expense thereof shall be charged to and be borne by the Bureau in such amounts as from time to time may be ascertained and certified in writing by such officers and approved by the Bureau.

Sec. 23. Surety bonds.—Whenever a bond or undertaking is required by this act or by the Bureau to be given, it shall be held to mean a surety bond furnished by a surety company authorized and qualified to do business in this state. Such bonds shall run to the State of Minnesota, shall be as nearly as applicable in the form prescribed by the laws of this State and the form thereof shall be approved by the Attorney General.

Sec. 24. Cost to be borne by bureau.—The cost of surety bonds provided by this act, furnished by the officers or employees of said Bureau, shall be a part of the general expense of administration and paid by the Bureau.

Sec. 25. Appropriation.—There is hereby appropriated out of the moneys in the general revenue fund of the state, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars for the establishment and maintenance of the system of rural credits and the Bureau provided for by this act.

Sec. 26. Sums re-appropriated.—Any sums received and paid into the state treasury under any of the provisions of this act are hereby appropriated and made available for disbursement in the manner provided herein.

Sec. 27. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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