

"9099. A grand jury shall be drawn and summoned for any general term of the district court, whenever the judge of such court shall so direct by an order made and filed with the clerk of court fifteen days before the term begins. If such order is not made the judge, in his discretion, by an order filed with the clerk may cause a grand jury to be summoned and convened at any time during the term. In districts composed of but one county, with a population exceeding 100,000 inhabitants, wherein but one term is held annually, the court may prescribe by written order that a grand jury shall be drawn to attend at any specified time and for any designated period.

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CHAPTER 258—H. F. No. 1029.

An act entitled an act authorizing the county board of any county, now or hereafter having property of an assessed valuation of not less than \$125,000,000, and not more than \$250,000,000, to acquire, improve, and equip one, or more tracts of land within such county but outside the limits of any city or village located within said county, for use as a park, bathing beach, picnic or recreational ground and to pay for same out of any moneys in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated or by issuing, not to exceed \$50,000 bonds of any such county.

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

Section 1. County Board to acquire lands for recreational grounds.—The County Board of any county, now or hereafter having property of an assessed valuation of not less than One Hundred and Twenty-five Million Dollars. (\$125,000,000), and not more than Two Hundred and Fifty Million Dollars (\$250,000,000), is hereby authorized to acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise, and improve, and equip one, or more, tracts of land within the county, for use as a park, bathing beach, picnic or recreational grounds. The acquiring of such land, its improvement as aforesaid and equipping same, may be paid for out of any moneys in the county treasury of any such county not otherwise appropriated, or by issuing bonds of the county in a sum not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000).

Sec. 2. Bond issue authorized.—Whenever the Board of County Commissioners of any such county shall deem it advisable to acquire, improve, and equip one, or more, tracts of land within any such county but outside the limits of any city or village therein for use as a park, bathing beach, picnic or recreational grounds, it may sell and issue the certificates of indebtedness, or bonds of such county to defray the cost thereof, in an amount not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), without submission to a vote of

the people of said county and the full faith and credit of such county shall be pledged to the payment of the Principal and interest of such certificate of indebtedness or bonds. Such bonds shall be in the form of serial bonds, a portion of which shall be payable each year after issue, but none of said bonds shall run for a longer term than twenty years, and the board of county commissioners shall fix the denominations of said bonds, and shall fix the dates of maturity thereof so that the amounts necessary each year and the interest on the bonds issued shall be approximately the same in each of the years during which such bonds shall run. Such certificate of indebtedness or bonds shall be sold in the manner provided by Section 1856 of the General Statutes of 1913 and the county board shall determine whether such bonds shall be sold to the purchaser who will pay the par value thereof at the lowest rate of interest, or to the purchaser who will pay the highest price for such bonds at an interest rate to be fixed by the board of county commissioners; provided, however, that the rate of interest shall in no case exceed six percent per annum.

Sec. 3. Tax levy to pay interest on principal.—The Board of county commissioners, annually after the issuance of said bonds, shall levy a tax upon the taxable property of such county, in addition to all other taxes levied, in an amount corresponding to the amounts of interest and principal of such certificates of indebtedness or bonds falling due from year to year.

Sec. 4. Previous limitations not to apply.—The amount of indebtedness herein authorized to be incurred by any such county shall be in addition to and over and above any limits now fixed by law.

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

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CHAPTER 259—H. F. No. 342.

An act to provide relief for certain cities and villages in and within two miles of the corporate limits of which the value of the property which is exempt from local taxation because taxes thereon are being paid into the state treasury under the provisions of the gross earning tax law is equal to or greater than the taxable value of all of the other real and personal property exclusive of money and credits, in any such city or village.

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

Section 1. Appropriation to certain villages and cities for general revenue purposes.—Whenever the value of the property in and within two miles of the corporate limits of any city or village in the State of Minnesota, containing not more than twelve