

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

thousand inhabitants, which is exempt from local taxation because taxes thereon are paid into the state treasury under the provisions of the gross earnings tax law, is equal to or greater than the taxable value of all the other real and personal property, exclusive of money and credits, within any such city or village, then any such city or village shall be entitled to receive from the state treasury, in addition to all other taxes received thereby, the following amounts, to wit: where the taxable value of all real and personal property, exclusive of money and credits, subject to local taxation in any such city or village does not amount to more than twenty five per cent of the value of the property in and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof not subject to local taxation because taxes thereon are paid into the state treasury under the provisions of the gross earnings tax law, any such city or village shall be entitled to receive such an amount annually as would be produced by computing a tax of one-third of the current tax rate for city or village purposes upon such property so exempt from local taxation, provided, however, that the amount which any such city or village shall receive, under this act shall not exceed more than \$10,000.00 for all such cities or villages where the population is less than 3500, and not more than \$20,000.00 for all such cities and villages where the population exceeds 3500. Where the taxable value of all of the real and personal property, exclusive of money and credits, subject to local taxation in any such city or village amounts to more than twenty-five per cent but not more than fifty per cent of the value of the property in and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof not subject to local taxation because taxes thereon are paid into the state treasury under the provisions of the gross earnings tax law, any such city or village shall be entitled to receive such an amount annually as would be produced by computing a tax of one-fourth of the current rate for city or village purposes upon such property so exempt from local taxation, provided, however, that the amount which any such city or village shall receive under this act shall not exceed more than \$5,000.00. Where the taxable value of all the real and personal property, exclusive of money and credits, subject to local taxation in any such city or village amounts to more than fifty per cent but not more than seventy-five per cent of the value of the property in and within two miles of the corporate limits thereof not subject to local taxation because taxes thereon are paid into the State treasury under the provisions of the gross earnings tax law, any such city or village shall be entitled to receive such an amount annually as would be produced by computing a tax of one-fifth of the current rate for city or village purposes upon such property so exempt from local taxation, provided, however, that the amount which any such city or village shall receive under this act shall not exceed more than \$10,000.00. And provided, further, that

no city or village shall receive under the provisions of this act to exceed the sum of \$5.00 per capita.

Sec. 2. Application for appropriations to be made to State Auditor.—Any such city or village desiring to take advantage of this act shall apply in writing therefor to the state auditor, and such application shall contain the following facts:

(a) The valuation of the property in and within two miles of the corporate limits of any such city or village subject to taxation under the provisions of the gross earnings tax law. Railroad valuations shall cover all railroad property located in and within two miles of the corporate limits of any such city or village, except rolling stock, main tracks and fills or bridges supporting the same.

(b) The value of all of the real and personal property, exclusive of money and credits, within any such city or village subject to local taxation.

(c) The rate of taxation in mills for city or village purposes for the current and next preceding year.

(d) The total amount spent for all city or village purposes by any such city or village for the last preceding year, and an estimate of the expenses for city or village purposes for the current year.

The information called for in paragraph (a) shall be ascertained and certified, upon the request of any such city or village, by the railroad and warehouse commission; and the information called for in paragraphs (b) and (c) shall be certified by the county auditor of the county or counties in which any such city or village is situated, and the information called for in paragraph (d) shall be certified by the clerk of any such city or village.

Sec. 3. Auditor to draw warrants.—The State Auditor shall immediately consider said matter and determine whether or not any such city or village is entitled to aid under the provisions of this act, and if he finds that any such city or village is entitled to aid he shall determine the amount to which it is entitled within the limitations of this act and shall draw his warrant upon the state treasurer, in favor of any such city or village, for the amount to which it is so entitled, and deliver the same thereto, taking proper vouchers or receipts therefor.

Sec. 4. Limitation of appropriation.—That not more than \$60,000. in the aggregate shall be disbursed in any one calendar year to all the cities and villages entitled to aid under the provisions of this act, and in the event that said amount of \$60,000. shall be insufficient to pay the full amount to which said cities and villages shall be entitled annually hereunder, the State Auditor shall apportion the said sums pro rata to each of said cities and villages.

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