CHAPTER 26-H. F. No. 179.

An act to amend sections 1820 and 1823, General Statutes Minnesota 1913, relating to park boards in certain cities and villages.

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

Section 1. Park Boards in cities and villages having less than 20,000 and more than 10,000 inhabitants.—That section 1820, General Statutes Minnesota 1913, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"1820. There may be created, in the discretion of the governing board thereof, in every city or village in the state of Minnesota, having a population of less than twenty thousand and more than one thousand inhabitants, a park board with powers and duties hereinafter provided."

Sec. 2. Same—Powers and duties.—That section 1823, General Statutes Minnesota 1913, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"1823. Said park board shall have full, absolute and exclusive control of, and power over, all real estate now or hereafter acquired by said municipality and set apart for park or boulevard purposes therein or in adjoining territory, and all public property used therein or therefor. Said board shall have power and authority to maintain the same, and to beautify and improve any and all such lands and the approaches thereto for the benefit of the general public; to erect and construct therein such roadways and paths, buildings, fountains, toilet rooms, or other improvements necessary to meet the requirements of the visiting public; to buy all necessary material and fuel required to carry out the provisions of this act; to make such reasonable rules and regulations for the government of the same as may be deemed necessary and proper; to employ such help in and about the conduct of such parks and boulevards as may be found necessary; to provide musical and other free entertainment for the general public;

to employ a secretary at a salary not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum, whose duty it shall be to keep a full and complete record of all the transactions of said board, attend its meetings, and do and perform such other duties as may from time to time be required of him by said board; to employ an attorney it found necessary to assist the board at a salary of not exceeding five, hundred dollars per annum; to fix the compensation of any and all persons employed by said board; to audit and allow all just claims for labor, services or material furnished by order of said board, and endorse its approval of such claims thereon when allowed, which claims when so audited and allowed and endorsed shall be presented to the council of said municipality for payment and paid by said municipality as other claims are paid; provided, said board shall not have the right to sell, rent, lease, or in any other way dispose of or

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encumber, or suffer, or permit the said property, or any part thereof, to come under the control of any other person or corporation whatever. Said board shall also have power and authority to receive on behalf of said municipality any proper donations of statuary, shrubbery, trees, material, or other personal property for use in and about the said parks and boulevards. Said board shall make detailed report of all its doings and proceedings to the council at least once in three months."

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

Approved February 15, 1923.

CHAPTER 27-H. F. No. 22.

An act to amend Chapter 440, Laws of 1921, being "an act to amend Chapter 7, Laws of 1917, as amended by Chapter 179, Laws of 1919," 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 December 31, 1923 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 payments on State lands in certain cases.—That Section 1 of Chapter 440, Laws of 1921, he hereby amended to read as follows:

- "Sec. 1. That the treasurer of the State of Minnesota is hereby authorized to receive payment up to and including December 31, 1924, 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 December 31, 1923, 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, provided further that the provisions of this act shall not apply to state land certificates that had been cancelled prior to the passage of this act.
- Sec. 2. Interest at 10% on unpaid balance.—That Section 2 of Chapter 440, Laws of 1921, be hereby amended to read as follows:
- "Sec. 2. That interest on the principal remaining unpaid on December 31, 1923, 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 February 20, 1923,