

by its chairman. In case no satisfactory bid is received, the board may readvertise: Provided, that in case of unforeseen breakages or injuries in or connected with public buildings, where the public interest would suffer by delay, contracts for repairs may be made without advertising for bids, but in such case the action of the board shall be recorded in its official proceedings.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 23, 1923.

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#### CHAPTER 81—S. F. No. 373.

*An act relating to town taxes, transactions and indebtedness, and validating same and making same chargeable upon taxable property therein, including such property in municipalities or parts of municipalities situate within the town in certain cases.*

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

Section 1. **Application—Indebtedness of towns, villages, etc.**—This act shall apply when, during or within six years prior to the passage of this act, in a town having villages, cities or boroughs, de jure or de facto, or parts thereof, situate within its boundaries, town road and bridge taxes have been levied and collected on taxable property in the town including such property in such villages, cities or boroughs, and town funds have been expended and town indebtedness incurred by the town officers as such on roads and bridges within the town, including roads and bridges or either thereof, in such villages, cities or boroughs, or parts thereof, all whether before or after the incorporation of such villages, cities or boroughs, or any thereof.

Sec. 2. **Indebtedness legalized.**—In such cases the taxes, transactions and indebtedness of any such town, levied, entered into or incurred during the period within which such conditions have existed, for or pertaining to roads and bridges, are hereby given the same validity and effect as if such villages, cities or boroughs, or parts thereof, had been and remained parts of the town for road and bridge purposes; and any and all indebtedness of such town remaining unpaid shall be and remain a valid charge against all the taxable property in the town, including such property in such villages, cities or boroughs, or parts thereof, situate therein, until fully paid; and for the payment of such indebtedness town taxes may be levied, extended and collected upon such property as other town taxes. Contribution may be enforced as otherwise provided by law for any part of such indebtedness, heretofore or hereafter paid by the town which has not been shared by any such village, city or borough proportionately according to assessed valuation at the time of the passage of the act, and no such corporation, nor the taxable prop-

erty therein, shall be released from its share of such indebtedness by separation of the corporation from the town for election and assessment purposes.

Sec. 3. **Property not released.**—Nothing herein contained shall be construed to release such village property from any part of town taxes, transactions or indebtedness for which it would be otherwise chargeable.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 82—S. F. No. 379.

*An act to authorize the governor and state auditor on behalf and in the name of the State of Minnesota to convey certain real estate owned by it in the City of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, to the City of Fergus Falls.*

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

Section 1. **Governor and State Auditor to convey State property.**—The governor and the state auditor on behalf of and in the name of the state of Minnesota, are hereby authorized and directed to convey to the city of Fergus Falls the following tracts or parcels of land situated in the city of Fergus Falls, county of Ottertail and state of Minnesota, to-wit: Lots numbered 5 and 6 of Reserve numbered 77 in the Original Plat of the city of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the register of deeds in and for the county of Ottertail and state of Minnesota.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 83—S. F. No. 402.

*An act authorizing the council or governing body of certain cities of the fourth class, operating under home rule charters, to levy a tax in addition to other taxes authorized by law, for the purpose of paying and discharging bonded and floating indebtedness.*

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

Section 1. **Tax levy to retire floating indebtedness in certain cases.**—The council or governing body of any city of the fourth class, operating under a home rule charter, having an assessed valuation not exceeding \$150,000.00 and an outstanding indebtedness, whether evidenced by bonds or orders, or both, not exceeding \$50,000.00, at the time of the passage of this act,