

Sec. 2. Property may be acquired by condemnation.—The title to any such land may be acquired by condemnation in the manner and method prescribed by Chapter 41, General Statutes of Minnesota for 1923.

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

Sec. 4. Inconsistent Acts repealed.—All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 25, 1925.

CHAPTER 402—S. F. No. 1308.

An act transferring and appropriating to the compensation insurance board certain moneys from the appropriations made to the insurance commissioner and relating to the payment of the salary of the secretary and actuary of the compensation insurance board.

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

Section 1. Transfer of funds of Insurance Commissioner.—There is hereby transferred and appropriated to the Compensation Insurance Board from the appropriation made to the Insurance Commissioner, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1926, and June 30th, 1927, the following amounts, to-wit:

1. From the item "For Maintenance," the sum of \$2,500.00.
2. The item "For Compensation Insurance Board, \$6,700.00."
3. The unexpended balance on July 1, 1925, in item 3, of Section 25, of Chapter 443, General Laws 1923, for the use of said Board during the fiscal years ending June 30, 1926, and June 30, 1927. Provided that salaries and contingent expenses of said Board shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated by this act upon vouchers of said Board.

Sec. 2. Salary of Secretary and Actuary.—The salary of the Secretary and Actuary of the Compensation Insurance Board for the period of April 16, 1925, to June 30, 1925, shall be paid out of item 3, of Section 25, of Chapter 443, General Laws 1923, upon the vouchers of said Board.

Approved April 25, 1925.

CHAPTER 403—S. F. No. 1139

An act relating to bridges across boundary waters between the State of Minnesota and adjoining states.

WHEREAS, The United States Government, for many years past, has appropriated millions of dollars to the State of Minnesota in aid of the construction of the highways of this State, and the State of Minnesota expects in the future to obtain similar large

sums from the United States Government in further aid of the construction of the highways of Minnesota, including the trunk highway system of this State; and

WHEREAS, Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota providing for the State trunk highway system was proposed and adopted, among other reasons, to enable the legislature of this State to provide for raising the necessary money for highway purposes in order to meet the requirements of the United States Government to make federal aid available to this State for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, The United States Government has no authority to appropriate money in aid of highway construction in this State except for the purpose of improving post roads and promoting interstate commerce and travel, which purposes can only be carried out through ample and adequate connection between the highway system of the State of Minnesota and the highway system of the states adjoining Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Many of the important trunk and other highways of the State of Minnesota lead to water boundaries between this State and adjoining states, and in order that such highways may adequately serve the public demands for travel and accommodation and to carry out the obligation of this State incurred in accepting and using such federal aid thereon, such highways should be connected with the highways of the adjoining states by inter-state bridges; Now, Therefore

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

Section 1. Purpose of act.—The purpose of this act is to provide for connecting the highway system of the State of Minnesota, including the trunk highway system, with the highway systems of adjoining states by means of inter-state bridges.

Sec. 2. Interstate bridge.—The term "inter-state bridge" shall mean and include all bridges now existing or which shall be hereafter constructed across boundary waters between the State of Minnesota and any adjoining State, thereby connecting any trunk highway of this State, or any State aid highway of this State, with the highway system of any adjoining state.

Sec. 3. State aid highway.—The term "State aid highway" as herein used shall be taken to mean and include any highway of this State, however the same may have been laid out or located, if the same shall have been or shall hereafter be laid out, constructed or improved by aid from the State Road and Bridge Fund, provided for by Section 16 of Article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

Sec. 4. Bridge to be part of trunk system.—Wherever any trunk highway or State aid highway of this State leads to and connects with any such inter-state bridge so that such bridge is essential in order to provide a continuous passage from any such high-

way of this State to any highway constituting part of the highway systems of any adjoining State, every such inter-state bridge, or so much thereof as lies within the boundaries of this State, is hereby declared to be and the same for all purposes shall be deemed to be an essential and necessary part of the highway system of this State for all purposes, and if so connected with a trunk highway, shall be deemed to be a part thereof, and if so connected with a State aid highway shall be deemed to be a part of such State aid highway, and if so connected with any other road, except a trunk highway, be deemed to be a part of the State aid highway system of this State for all purposes whenever the Commissioner of Highways shall certify that in his judgment such road is of such importance for the purposes of traffic and inter-state travel that it should be connected with the highways of the adjoining states by an inter-state bridge.

Sec. 5. Commissioner of highways may repair or construct interstate bridge.—The Commissioner of Highways of the State of Minnesota is hereby authorized and directed to construct, re-construct, maintain and repair every such inter-state bridge so forming a part of the trunk highway system of this State, or such part thereof as may be necessary in order to connect such highways of this State with the highway system of any adjoining State, and is also authorized and directed to co-operate with the duly authorized authorities of any such adjoining State in the construction, re-construction, maintenance, repair and operation of any such bridge, and shall have full power and authority to make all agreements with reference thereto with the authorized authorities of adjoining states in reference to all matters included in this section.

Sec. 6. Commissioner to locate bridge.—In case of the construction or re-construction of any inter-state bridge the Commissioner of Highways of this State shall have power after hearing to determine the location where and the manner in which such bridge shall be constructed or re-constructed.

Sec. 7. Commissioner to accept conveyance of bridge.—In case any existing inter-state bridge is owned by any city or village in this State, the Commissioner of Highways is authorized to accept a conveyance thereof or of any part thereof from any such city or village, upon such terms and conditions as the Commissioner of Highways shall determine to be just and equitable, and for such purpose shall have full power to co-operate and agree with the duly authorized authorities of any adjoining State, and every such city or village is authorized to convey any such bridge to this State, or to this State and any adjoining State, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by and between such city or village, the Highway Commissioner of this State and the authorities of such adjoining State.

Sec. 8. Commissioner to acquire bridge in certain cases.—In case any such inter-state bridge shall be owned and operated by any

city or village of any adjoining State, the Commissioner of Highways of this State is hereby authorized to acquire such bridge, or any part thereof, necessary to connect the highways of this State with the highways of such adjoining State, or may acquire the same in co-operation with the duly authorized authorities of any adjoining State, upon such terms and conditions as the Commissioner of Highways of this State may determine to be just and equitable.

Sec. 9. State Trunk Highway to run on interstate bridge.—In case any route of the trunk highway system described in Article 16 of the Constitution, runs into or through any city of the second, third or fourth class, or village situate on the bank of any river or stream forming a boundary between the State of Minnesota and any adjoining State, and an inter-state bridge owned and operated by any such city or village connects such city or village with the highway system of such adjoining State, then and in every such case it is hereby made the duty of the Commissioner of Highways of this State to so specifically designate and locate such trunk highway route so that the same shall run to the State boundary upon such bridge so as to include the same as a part of such trunk highway.

Sec. 10. Commissioner may construct interstate bridge.—In case any existing route of any trunk highway of this State runs through or into any city of the second, third or fourth class, or any village of this State situate on any stream or river forming a boundary between Minnesota and an adjoining State where no inter-state bridge exists, and if the Commissioner of Highways of this State shall find after a public hearing that by reason of increased travel a public demand exists for communication between the highway system of Minnesota and such adjoining State at any such city or village, and that a public necessity exists for the construction of an inter-state bridge at such city or village and that the construction of such inter-state bridge will improve post roads and promote inter-state travel, and that the construction of such bridge would materially increase the public usefulness of such trunk highway and of the highway system of this State and that the public interests of the State require the construction of such inter-state bridge, then upon filing such findings in the office of such Commissioner of Highways the Commissioner of Highways is authorized to designate such interstate bridge as a part of the route of such trunk highway to construct, maintain and repair an inter-state bridge at such point in co-operation with the duly authorized authorities of such adjoining state.

Sec. 11. Commissioner may acquire privately owned bridge.—In case any inter-state bridge is owned by any private person or corporation or is operated as a toll bridge, the Commissioner of Highways shall not be required to designate the same as a part of the trunk highway or State aid highway systems of this State nor to expend any money thereon for any purpose, but the Commissioner

of Highways may acquire any part of any such bridge necessary to connect the highways of this State with the highways of any adjoining State by gift, purchase or condemnation, if such commissioner shall determine, after a hearing, that the public interests require such acquisition by gift, purchase or condemnation, and if and when so acquired the same shall be subject to all of the provisions of this act, and may so acquire, operate, maintain and re-construct the same in co-operation with the authorized authorities of any adjoining State.

Sec. 12. Commissioner may appropriate part of road and bridge fund for interstate bridge purposes.—The Commissioner of Highways is authorized to apportion any part of the State Road and Bridge Fund, hereinbefore referred to, for the purpose of aiding in the construction, re-construction, maintenance or repair of any inter-state bridge forming a part of any State aid highway as hereinbefore specified, and any county in this State is hereby authorized to appropriate any money in its Road and Bridge Fund for the purpose of aiding in the construction, re-construction, maintenance or repair of any such inter-state bridge, whether situate within the limits of such county or in any other county in this State.

Sec. 13. Act separable.—If any part of this act or section of this act, or any part of any section thereof shall be questioned in any action and shall be held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect any other part thereof.

Sec. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 25, 1925.

CHAPTER 404—II. F. No. 1356

(Not in G. S. 1923)

An act to amend Sections 1, 9 and 10 of Chapter 199, Laws of 1915, the same being an act establishing a state teachers' retirement fund:

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

Section 1. Terms defined.—That Section 1 of Chapter 199, General Laws of 1915, be and the same are hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The word teacher as used in this act shall include any teacher, supervisor, principal, superintendent or librarian employed in any educational or administrative capacity in the public schools of Minnesota, or in any educational, correctional, or charitable institution supported wholly or in part by this state, excepting those employed in the University of Minnesota. The term "member of the Fund Association," wherever used in this act, shall mean and