

mills; Provided, further, in one year only, when the total county tax rate does not exceed twenty-one and one-half mills, an appropriation within the amount aforesaid may be made for said purpose upon there being transferred to the general fund, an equivalent amount from the road and bridge fund, which transfer is hereby authorized.

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

Approved March 10, 1925.

CHAPTER 55—S. F. No. 366.

An act entitled, "An act ceding to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over certain lands acquired for public purposes within the state, and authorizing the acquisition thereof, and any interest therein."

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

Section 1. **United States may acquire sites.**—The consent of the State of Minnesota is hereby given in accordance with seventeenth clause, eighth section, of the first article of the Constitution of the United States to the acquisition by the United States, by purchase, by condemnation, lease, or in any other manner whatsoever, of any land, or right or interest therein, in this State, required for sites for custom houses, court houses, *hospitals, sanatoria*, post-offices, arsenals, depots, terminals, cantonments, military or naval camps or bases or stations, aviation fields or stations, radio stations, storage places, target ranges, forest depots, supply houses and forestry offices, or for any other military or naval purposes whatsoever of the *United States* government.

Sec. 2. **Exclusive jurisdiction in Federal Government.**—Exclusive jurisdiction in and over any lands, or buildings, any right or interest which has been so acquired by the United States, whether before or after the passage of this act, shall be and the same is hereby ceded to the United States for all purposes, herein provided except the service upon such sites of all civil or criminal process of the courts of this state, which right of service of said process within the bounds of said lands and sites is reserved to this State; but the jurisdiction so ceded shall continue no longer than the United States shall own or occupy such lands, or any right or interest therein; and whenever such lands or buildings abut upon the navigable waters of this state, such jurisdiction so ceded shall extend to and include such of the under-water lands adjacent thereto as lie between the line of low water mark and the bulkhead or pier-head line as now established or as such lines may be hereafter established.

Sec. 3. Act effective, when.—The jurisdiction ceded shall not vest until the United States shall have acquired the title to, or possession of the said lands, or rights, or interest therein, by purchase, condemnation, lease, or otherwise; and so long as the said lands, or any rights or interest therein are held in fee simple by the United States, and no longer, such rights or interest, as the case may be, shall continue exempt and exonerated, from all States, county and Municipal taxation, assessment or other charges, which may be levied or imposed under the authority of this State.

Sec. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are to that extent repealed.

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

Approved March 10, 1925.

CHAPTER 56—S. F. No. 410.

(Sec. 3666, G. S. 1923.)

An act to amend Section 3402, General Statutes 1913, relating to losses and how adjusted by township mutual fire insurance companies.

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

Section 1. Notice of loss—adjustments.—That Section 3402, General Statutes, 1913, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 3402. Every member sustaining loss or damage by fire or lightning shall immediately notify the secretary, who, if the claim exceeds three hundred dollars, may forthwith convene the directors.

The directors shall appoint a committee of three members of whom the secretary shall be one, to ascertain the amount of such loss, with authority to examine witnesses, to whom the secretary is hereby authorized to administer oaths.

Whenever the by-laws so provide, he may act in place of and with all the authority of such committee; and when the claim does not exceed three hundred dollars, the loss may be ascertained by the president and secretary, or either, with like authority.

In case of failure of the parties to agree as to the amount of loss it is mutually agreed that the amount of such loss shall be referred to three disinterested men, the company and the insured, each choosing one, the third to be selected by the two so chosen.

The award, in writing, by a majority of the referees shall be conclusive and final upon the parties as to the amount of loss or damage, and such reference, unless waived by the parties, shall be a condition precedent to any right of action in law or equity, to