

the classified service with less than five years of service, a qualifying examination that is designed to test his fitness to perform the work of the class to which his position has been allocated. No person holding an office for employment in the classified service previous to *December 31, 1943*, who is required by this act to take a qualifying examination shall be laid off, suspended, discharged or reduced in pay or position, except in accordance with the provisions of this act applicable to members of the classified service having permanent status until they have completed such qualifying examination and shall have been notified of the results thereof. If such incumbents pass such qualifying examination, they shall become permanent members of the classified service. If, however, any of the aforementioned incumbents who are required by this act to take a qualifying examination shall fail to pass the same, they shall be removed from their positions at or before the expiration of three months following receipt of notice of failure to pass such examination. All persons who shall wilfully fail or refuse to take the examination when offered, without reasonable excuse, shall be removed from their positions immediately.

Approved March 31, 1947.

CHAPTER 188—H. F. No. 785

[Not Coded]

An act to validate bonds heretofore voted by certain villages for village hall and fire fighting equipment purposes.

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

Section 1. **Fire fighting equipment bonds validated.** In all cases where the council of any village with not less than 1,200 nor more than 1,500 inhabitants and located in any county having more than 15,000 and less than 20,000 inhabitants according to the 1940 federal census, and having more than 13 and less than 25 full and fractional congressional townships, has determined that it was necessary and expedient to issue bonds for village hall or fire fighting equipment, or both, in a total amount not exceeding \$60,000 and which would not cause the indebtedness of the village to exceed ten per cent of the assessed value of the taxable property therein, and where the issuance of these bonds has been approved by a majority of the voters of the village voting on the

question of such issue, all such bonds are hereby declared to be, when issued and sold, legal and binding obligations of the village, provided that all other requirements of law have been fully complied with.

Sec. 2. **Remedial.** It is hereby expressly found and determined that this act is remedial in nature, being necessary to protect the financial credit of such villages.

Sec. 3. **Proceedings pending.** This act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any court in the state of Minnesota.

Approved March 31, 1947.

CHAPTER 189—H. F. No. 853

[Not Coded]

An act relating to withdrawal of certain lands from the Finland State Forest and authorizing the sale of same by the Commissioner of Conservation.

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

Section 1. **Sale of lands in Finland State Forest.** The following described lands located in the county of Lake, state of Minnesota, are hereby withdrawn from the Finland State Forest and the commissioner of conservation is authorized to sell said lands in the same manner as other lands are sold by him: the North one-half of the Southwest quarter, Section 9, Township 57, Range 6W.

Approved March 31, 1947.

CHAPTER 190—H. F. No. 854

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the sale of certain state trust fund lands.

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

Section 1. **Sale of certain trust fund lands.** The Commissioner of Conservation is hereby authorized to offer at public sale the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of