

CHAPTER 638—H. F. No. 1578
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An act to amend Chapter 315, Session Laws of Minnesota for 1945, relating to the State Capitol, its buildings, including a new veterans service building, and the grounds thereof, prescribing penalties for violations thereof, and, among other provisions, granting certain powers to and imposing certain duties upon the City of St. Paul.

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

Section 1. Authority granted to City of St. Paul. That Subdivision 5 of Section 9 of Chapter 315, Session Laws of Minnesota for 1945, be amended to read as follows:

Subd. 5. To sell such parts or tracts of lands which it has been necessary to acquire for the purposes aforesaid, *including lands acquired under the provisions of Chapter 511, Session Laws of Minnesota for 1941*, as may be found to be excessive and unnecessary for such purposes for such price and upon terms as to the common council shall seem just, the proceeds of such sale to be paid into said City of St. Paul Capitol Approach Improvement Fund, and without the necessity of advertising for bids before such sale.

Sec. 2. That Section 11 of Chapter 315, Session Laws of Minnesota for 1945, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11. Conveyance to state. The City of St. Paul shall have the power to convey without compensation therefor to the state any property owned by it within the boundaries of the capitol grounds as enlarged pursuant to the plan adopted by the commission; *and the state shall have the authority to transfer to the City of St. Paul without compensation any property acquired by it for the purposes of this act, which lies within the street lines of the streets to be established as a part of the city's portion of said plan.*

Approved April 28, 1947.

CHAPTER 639—H. F. No. 1451
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An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article IX, Section 5, pertaining to the distribution of the excise tax on petroleum products.

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

Section 1. Proposed constitutional amendment. The following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article IX, Section 5, is hereby proposed to the people of the state for their approval or rejection, which section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 5. State debt limited; how contracted. For the purpose of defraying extraordinary expenditures, the state may contract public debts, but such debts shall never, in the aggregate, exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; every such debt shall be authorized by law, for some single object, to be distinctly specified therein; and no such law shall take effect until it shall have been passed by the vote of two-thirds of the members of each branch of the legislature, to be recorded by yeas and nays on the journals of each house respectively; and every such law shall levy a tax annually sufficient to pay the annual interest of such debt, and also a tax sufficient to pay the principal of such debt within ten years from the final passage of such law, and shall specially appropriate the proceeds of such taxes to the payment of such principal and interest; and such appropriation and taxes shall not be repealed, postponed, or diminished, until the principal and interest of such debt shall have been wholly paid. The state shall never contract any debts for works of internal improvements, or be a party in carrying on such works, except as authorized by Section 16 of Article 9, and by Article 16 of this Constitution, but it may levy an excise tax upon any substance, material, fluid, force or other means or instrumentality, or the business of dealing in, selling or producing any or all thereof, used or useful, in producing or generating power for propelling motor or other vehicles used on the public highways of this state, and shall place *one-half* of the proceeds of such tax in the Trunk Highway Fund provided for in Section 2 of said Article 16, and *one-half* thereof in the State Road and Bridge Fund. And further, except in cases where grants of land or other property shall have been made to the State, especially dedicated by the grant to specific purposes, and in such cases the state shall devote thereto the avails of such grants, and may pledge or appropriate the revenues derived from such works in aid of their completion.

Sec. 2. Submitted to voters. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the state for their approval or rejection at the general election for the year 1948 in the manner provided by law for the submission of amendments to the constitution. The ballots used at the election on the proposed amendment shall have printed thereon:

Shall the Constitution, Article IX, Section 5, be amended so as to provide that the proceeds of the excise tax on petroleum products be apportioned as follows:

Of the proceeds of such tax, one-half thereof in Trunk Highway Fund and one-half thereof in State Road and Bridge Fund.

Approved April 28, 1947.

CHAPTER 640—S. F. No. 1170

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An act proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article XIV, Section 1, so as to permit the submission to the voters of two or more amendments without requiring that the voters shall vote for or against each separately.

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

Section 1. Proposed constitutional amendment. The following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, Article XIV, Section 1, is hereby proposed to the people of the state for their approval or rejection, which section when amended shall read as follows:

Section 1. Amendments to Constitution; majority vote of electors voting makes amendment valid. Whenever a majority of both houses of the legislature shall deem it necessary to alter or amend this Constitution, they may propose such alterations or amendments, which proposed amendments shall be published with the laws which have been passed at the same session, and said amendments shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at any general election, and if it shall appear, in a manner to be provided by law, that a majority of all the electors voting at said election shall have voted for and ratified such alterations or amendments, the same shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of this Constitution.

Sec. 2. Submitted to voters. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the state for their approval or rejection at the general election for the year 1948 in the manner provided by law for submission of amendments to