back to the date of the expiration of such original corporate period, as fixed by its articles of incorporation or by statutory limitations, and when such period is extended as provided by this act, any and all corporate acts and contracts done and performed, made and entered into after the expiration of said original period, shall be and each is hereby declared to be legal and valid.

Sec. 4. Not applicable when charter has been forfeited. This act shall not apply to any corporation, the charter of which has been declared forfeited by the final judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction of this state or to any corporation as to which there is pending any action or proceeding in any of the courts of this state, for the forfeiture of its charter, nor shall this act affect any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts of this state in relation to any corporation described in Section 1.

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CHAPTER 42—S. F. No. 163 [Not Coded]

An act to authorize the council of certain cities of the fourth class to issue bonds in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1945, Chapter 475.

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

Section 1. Validation of the acts of city councils of certain cities of the fourth class; bonds. The council of any city of the fourth class which has adopted a home rule charter pursuant to Article IV, Section 36 of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota and which has for more than 20 years been operating under a purported second charter which was submitted to vote of the electors as a new charter and not as an amendment, shall be authorized to issue and sell bonds and other obligations of the city by majority vote thereof, notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in the first adopted home rule charter of such city; provided that nothing herein shall authorize the issuance of any obligation contrary to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Chapter 475.

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Sec. 2. Requirement of home rule charter. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing any city council to issue bonds by less majority vote than is required in any such purported home rule charter.

Sec. 3. **Remedial.** It is expressly found and determined that this act is remedial in nature, being necessary to protect the welfare and financial credit of such cities and this act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 43-S. F. No. 746

[Not Coded]

An act authorizing the commissioner of administration to purchase certain lands and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. State purchase of property for Owatonna state school. The commissioner of administration is hereby authorized to purchase in the name of the State of Minnesota for use in connection with the Owatonna State School, at a cost not exceeding \$72,000, the following described land situated in the county of Steele, state of Minnesota, to-wit:

> The South Half of the Southeast Quarter and the South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Eight and the North Half of the Northeast Quarter and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, all in Township 107 North, Range 20 West;

together with the buildings situated thereon; provided that the attorney general shall give his opinion that the title to the land is good and marketable and free from all liens and encumbrances and shall approve the deed of conveyance.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the commissioner of administration out of any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$72,-