

CHAPTER 883—H. F. No. 1867

[Not Coded]

An act relating to the Hennepin county park reserve district; enlarging the boundaries thereof; providing for bonding, budgeting, and levying of taxes and participation therein by the board of commissioners of Hennepin county; providing for services to be rendered thereto by officers and departments of Hennepin county.

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

Section 1. Hennepin County Park Reserve District; boundaries. The boundaries of the Hennepin County Park Reserve District, a local government unit created and activated and now organized and existing under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 398.01 to 398.21, and including within its corporate limits the entire area of Hennepin county except the area of the city of Minneapolis, are hereby enlarged to include the area of the city of Minneapolis.

Sec. 2. The board of park district commissioners of the district shall hereafter consist of 11 commissioners elected and appointed for terms as provided herein. Commissioners elected by the voters of each of the four election districts heretofore established shall continue to serve and their successors shall be elected and serve in the manner and for the terms provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 398.04, and the boundaries of such election districts shall not be changed. The three commissioners elected by the voters of the park district at large shall each continue to serve until January 31, 1965, and thereafter, such at large commissioners shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Hennepin county from the residents of the Park District at large, to serve for terms as provided by Minnesota Statutes 1961, Section 398.04. Four additional commissioners shall be appointed who shall be residents of Minneapolis when appointed and while serving. Two shall be appointed by resolution of the city council or any successor governing body of the city of Minneapolis and two by resolutions of the board of park commissioners or any successor board or officer responsible for the administration of parks in the city of Minneapolis. The term of each appointed commissioner shall commence on the first Monday in January in an odd-numbered year and continue for four years and until his successor is similarly appointed and qualifies, except that the first appointees' terms shall commence when they are appointed and qualify, and the board and council shall each designate one to serve until January, 1967, and one to serve until January, 1968. A vacancy resulting from the death, resignation, or removal of an appointed commissioner shall be

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filled for his unexpired term by appointment by the council, board, or officer by whom he was appointed.

Sec. 3. Taxes for the payment of bonds issued and for the payment of obligations incurred by the district before January 1, 1965, and taxes for the payment of bonds issued to refund any obligation incurred, or bonds issued prior to January 1, 1965, shall be levied only upon taxable property included within the boundaries of the district before such date. Taxes for the payment of bonds issued for park district purposes after January 1, 1965, except bonds for refunding obligations outstanding on such date, shall be levied by the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin county upon all taxable property within the county. Taxes for the payment of obligations incurred by the district after January 1, 1965, shall be levied by such Board of County Commissioners as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute, on or before July 1, 1964, and on or before the first day of July of each year thereafter the park district board shall submit to the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin county a detailed budget of anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures of the park district during the next fiscal year. Said Board of County Commissioners upon its approval and adoption of such budget shall levy a tax in the amount thereof. On or before the first day of October commencing in 1964, the clerk of said Board of County Commissioners shall certify the tax so levied to the county auditor of Hennepin county who shall apportion the same to each township, town, borough, village or city included in said park district in the same proportion as the respective populations bear to the total population of the district. Provided that in no event shall such tax levy in any year exceed 15 cents per person in the district. All population figures referred to in this section shall be based on the most recent official census.

Sec. 5. Upon the request of the Board of Hennepin County Park Reserve District expressed by a resolution regularly adopted by a majority of all members thereof the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin county is authorized to issue and sell in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 475, general obligation bonds of Hennepin county for the purpose of financing the acquisition and betterment of park properties and facilities; provided, that the total amount of bonds issued for park purposes shall not exceed the limitation specified in Laws of Minnesota 1963, Chapter 217; and further provided that such total bonding authority shall be reduced by the exact amount of any funds received by Hennepin county or by said park reserve district from the federal or

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state governments or any agency thereof under any applicable program for acquisition of park lands.

Sec. 6. So far as practicable the county of Hennepin shall make available to the Hennepin County Park Reserve District and the Board of said district shall, if feasible, utilize to the fullest extent possible the services of all county departments, including, but not limited to, road and bridge, sheriff, surveyor, attorney, and budget and purchasing.

Sec. 7. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1961, Sections 398.01 to 398.21 as applied to the Hennepin County Park Reserve District are amended so far, but only so far, as necessary to give full force and effect to the provisions of this act and to the provisions of any other special law affecting that district.

Sec. 8. The provisions of this act shall be of no effect unless prior to January 1, 1965 bonds in the amount of \$3,000,000 have been issued by the Hennepin County Park Reserve District pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1963, Chapter 217.

Sec. 9. This act shall become effective upon approval by a resolution adopted by the vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Park district commissioners of the Hennepin County Park Reserve District, and a resolution adopted by the vote of a majority of the members of the city council of the city of Minneapolis, and a resolution adopted by the vote of a majority of the members of the board of park commissioners of the city of Minneapolis, and a resolution adopted by a vote of the majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin county, and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.

Approved May 27, 1963.

CHAPTER 884—H. F. No. 1877

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to the organization and operations of the state government; adding a route to the trunk highway system; and appropriating money to the department of highways and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. **State government; highways; appropriations.**

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