

CHAPTER 170.

H. F. No. 227.

An act to authorize cities in this state having a population of not less than ten thousand and not more than twenty thousand inhabitants to repair, reconstruct and rebuild bridges, and to issue bonds for such purposes.

Bridge
bonds.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any city in this state, now or hereafter having a population of not less than ten thousand nor more than twenty thousand inhabitants according to the then last preceding official national or state census, has, by authority of law, constructed, built, purchased or otherwise lawfully acquired any bridge across any navigable stream either wholly within the limits of any such city or partially within and partially without the limits of said city, or partly within the limits of said city and connecting with and partly within any state bordering upon the State of Minnesota, every such city shall have the power and authority to repair, reconstruct and rebuild from time to time any such bridge, whenever the same may be determined to be necessary by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the city council, or other governing body of such city, and every such city is hereby authorized to issue its bonds in the manner hereinafter specified for any or all of the purposes aforesaid, *provided* that the amount of bonds issued by authority of this act shall not exceed two per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of such city, according to the then last preceding equalized valuation thereof as determined by the state board of equalization.

Cities of
not less
than 10,000
and not
more than
20,000.

SEC. 2. Every city issuing any bonds under authority of this act is hereby required to levy each year thereafter the necessary tax upon all the taxable property of such city, for the purpose of paying the interest upon bonds so issued and of creating a sinking fund to pay such bonds as they mature, said sinking fund to be known as the bridge bond sinking fund, until the bonded indebtedness hereby authorized shall be extinguished, and such sinking fund shall not be diverted to or used for any other purpose.

Levy taxes.

SEC. 3. No bonds shall be issued hereunder by any city for any sum in excess of the actual cost or contract price of repairing, reconstructing or rebuilding any such bridge.

Limit to
bonds.

Two-thirds
vote.

SEC. 4. Any such city is hereby authorized and empowered, by a two-thirds vote of the common council or other governing body thereof, to contract on behalf of said city for the repairing, reconstruction or rebuilding of any such bridge, and provide for the payment thereof on such terms and at such times as to such council, or other governing body, shall seem proper. *Provided, however,* that no such contract providing for any expenditure in excess of \$500 shall be entered into unless the resolution authorizing the same shall be first approved by the mayor of such city or adopted by three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the city council or other governing body when not approved by such mayor and an advertisement for sealed bids for the performance of such contract shall be first published by the clerk or recorder of such city at least once in each week for three successive weeks in the official newspaper of such city. The council, or other governing body, shall have authority to prescribe such terms and conditions relative to the making of such bids for such contract and relative to the security which each bidder shall be required to make or deposit with such bid, as to such council, or other governing body, shall seem expedient and proper, and shall have authority to reject any and all bids.

Authority
to council.

Selling
bonds.

SEC. 5. The bonds of any such city, issued pursuant to the terms of this act, may be issued and sold from time to time as determined and authorized by ordinance or resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the city council, or other governing body of such city, and shall be issued in such denominations and shall be payable at such times and at such place or places and in such installments as may be provided in such ordinance or resolution, and shall bear interest at not to exceed four per cent per annum, which shall be evidenced by coupons attached to such bonds, and such interest shall be payable at such times and at such place or places as may be specified in such ordinance or resolution. Such bonds shall be sealed with the seal of the city issuing them and be signed by the mayor and city clerk, or recorder, and such coupons shall be signed by the mayor and city clerk, or recorder; and such bonds shall not be sold for less than par value and accrued interest to the highest responsible bidder after notice published once in each week in a daily newspaper, if one there be in such city; if not, then in a weekly newspaper in such city, and also in a daily newspaper published in

Publication
of notice.

the city of St. Paul. A failure to publish said notices, however, shall not invalidate such bonds.

SEC. 6. None of the proceeds of any of the bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this act, nor any part thereof, shall be used for any other purpose than the purposes hereinbefore specified, which purpose or purposes shall be distinctly set forth in the ordinance or resolution authorizing the same.

SEC. 7. None of the bonds of any such city, issued pursuant to the terms and provisions of this act, shall be deemed or taken to be a part of the indebtedness of such city within the purview of any law limiting the amount of the bonded or other indebtedness of any such city, and the bonds authorized by this act may be issued notwithstanding and without regard to any limitation of the indebtedness of such city. Nevertheless, the full faith and credit of every such city is pledged to the full payment of all such bonds and interest.

Indebtedness not limited.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 13, 1905.

CHAPTER 171.

H. F. No. 438.

An act to amend section sixteen (16) of chapter three hundred thirty-three (333) of the Laws of 1903, being "An act fixing and regulating the collection and disposition of fees of clerks of the district court in counties having or which may hereafter have a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) inhabitants or over."

Fees of clerks of district court in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. That section sixteen (16) of chapter three hundred and thirty-three (333) of the Laws of 1903 be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 16. In determining at any time to what counties this act shall apply reference shall only be had to the United States census last taken.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 13, 1905.