

CHAPTER 129

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**129.02 DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. When used in sections 129.02 to 129.05, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings given them in this section.

Subd. 2. "School district" means any school district which lies in whole or in part within the boundaries of the Chippewa National Forest.

Subd. 3. "Boundaries of the Chippewa National Forest" means the boundaries thereof as certified by a proper federal authority.

Subd. 4. "Federal" means the United States of America.

Subd. 5. "Tax-forfeited lands" means lands forfeited to the state of Minnesota for nonpayment of the taxes thereon.

[ 1955 c 38 s 1 ]

**129.03 TAX-FORFEITED LANDS, ACQUISITION.** Any school district is authorized to acquire by action of its school board, without authorization by the voters of the school district, tax-forfeited lands for the purpose of exchanging such lands with the federal government for federal property, real or personal situated within the boundaries of the school district.

[ 1955 c 38 s 2 ]

**129.04 VALIDATION.** The acquisition heretofore by any school district of tax-forfeited lands for the purpose of exchanging such lands with the federal government for federal property, real or personal, situated within the boundaries of the school district is ratified and approved and the conveyance of the title of the state of Minnesota to any such tax-forfeited land to a school district is validated and confirmed.

[ 1955 c 38 s 3 ]

**129.05 TAX-FORFEITED LANDS, EXCHANGE.** The school board of any school district which has acquired or does hereafter acquire title to tax-forfeited lands is authorized to exchange any or all of such tax-forfeited lands with the federal government for federal property, real or personal, situated within the boundaries of the school district.

[ 1955 c 38 s 4 ]

**129.06 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR BETTERMENT OF SCHOOLHOUSES.** The school board of any school district in which more than 50 percent of the valuation consists of iron ore may issue bonds for the betterment of schoolhouses not in excess of the following amounts:

(a) In school districts having a population of not more than 6,500, the total amount shall not exceed \$85,000;

(b) In school districts having a population of more than 6,500, the total amount shall not exceed \$125,000.

[ 1953 c 433 s 1 ]

**129.07 ISSUANCE BY RESOLUTION WITHOUT APPROVAL OF VOTERS.** Such bonds shall be issued and sold pursuant to the provisions of chapter 475, except

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that the bonds authorized herein may be issued by resolution of the school board without first obtaining the approval or a vote of the electors.

[ 1953 c 433 s 2 ]

**129.08 TAX LEVY.** The school board may levy taxes for the payment of such bonds without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of existing limitations and the moneys collected on such tax levies shall be used only for the payment of the bonds authorized herein.

[ 1953 c 433 s 3 ]

**129.09 BETTERMENT DEFINED.** The term "betterment" includes reconstruction, extension, improvement, repair, remodeling, lighting, equipping, furnishing, painting, school garages, and heating plants.

[ 1953 c 433 s 4 ]

**129.10 SCHOOL BOARDS, BONDS FOR IMPROVING SCHOOLHOUSES.** Subdivision 1. The school board of any school district in which more than 50 percent of the valuation consists of iron ore may issue bonds for the betterment of schoolhouses not in excess of the following amounts:

(a) In school districts having a population of not more than 6,500, the total amount shall not exceed \$75,000;

(b) In school districts having a population of more than 6,500, the total amount shall not exceed \$100,000.

Subd. 2. Such bonds shall be issued and sold pursuant to the provisions of chapter 475, except that the bonds authorized herein may be issued by resolution of the school board without first obtaining the approval or a vote of the electors.

Subd. 3. The school board may levy taxes for the payment of such bonds without limitation as to rate or amount and in excess of existing limitations and the moneys collected on such tax levies shall be used only for the payment of the bonds authorized herein.

Subd. 4. The term "betterment" includes reconstruction, extension, improvement, repair, remodeling, lighting, equipping, furnishing, painting, school garages, and heating plants.

[ 1955 c 578 s 1-4 ]

**129.11 AGREEMENTS WITH DISTRICTS IN OTHER STATES.** Subdivision 1. The board of any school district with boundaries adjoining another state may enter into an agreement and contract with the school board of a school district in such adjoining state to provide for the joint erection, operation and maintenance of school facilities for both districts upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon between such districts in accordance with the provisions of this section.

Subd. 2. An agreement proposed for adoption by a school board under this section shall be in the form and contain such terms as may be prescribed by the commissioner of education from time to time by his published order and no agreement shall be submitted to a referendum by the people under subdivision 3 unless it has first been approved by the commissioner of education in writing by endorsement thereon.

Subd. 3. An approved agreement shall be submitted to the electorate of the district at a special election called for the purpose or at an annual election in the manner provided by law. The question on the ballot at such election shall be:

"Shall the proposed agreement between this school district and school district number ..... in ..... county, state of ..... as approved by the commissioner of education by endorsement dated ..... be executed?"

YES .....

NO ....."

Subd. 4. Facilities erected and maintained pursuant to the terms of the agreement may be located in either Minnesota or such adjoining state.

Subd. 5. The district entering such agreement may borrow money, levy taxes and issue bonds and use the proceeds thereof in accordance with and subject to the limita-

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tions of chapter 475 for purposes of the agreement.

[ 1957 c 370 s 1-5 ]

**129.12** [ Repealed, 1973 c 738 s 2 ]

**129.121 STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE.** Subdivision 1. The governing board of any high school may delegate the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic athletics and other extracurricular activities referred to in sections 123.17 and 123.38 to the Minnesota state high school league, a nonprofit incorporated voluntary association. Membership in said Minnesota state high school league shall be composed of such Minnesota high schools whose governing boards have certified in writing to the state commissioner of education that they have elected to delegate the control, supervision and regulation of their interscholastic athletic events and other extracurricular activities to said league. The Minnesota state high school league is hereby empowered to exercise the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic athletics, musical, dramatic and other contests by and between pupils of the Minnesota high schools, delegated to it pursuant to this section. The Minnesota high school league may establish a policy or guidelines for the guidance of member high schools in the voluntary formation or alteration of athletic or other extracurricular conferences. The commissioner of education, or his representative, shall be an ex officio member of the governing body of such league, with the same rights and privileges as other members of its governing body. The rules and regulations of said league shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 15.0411 to 15.0422.

Subd. 2. Any school board is hereby authorized to expend moneys for and pay dues to the Minnesota state high school league and all moneys paid to such league, as well as moneys derived from any contest or other event sponsored by said league, shall be subject to an annual examination and audit by a certified public accountant or the state auditor.

Subd. 3. The commissioner of education shall make a report to the legislature on or before each regular session thereof, as to the activities of the league, and shall recommend to the legislature whether any legislation is made necessary by its activities.

Subd. 4. Membership in the Minnesota state high school league shall be open to any high school in Minnesota which satisfies compulsory attendance pursuant to section 120.10.

[ 1973 c 492 s 14; 1973 c 738 s 1 ]

**129.13** [ Repealed, 1976 c 44 s 70 ]