

position of sentence against any person who has been convicted of the violation of a municipal ordinance or by-law, or of any crime for which the maximum penalty provided by law does not exceed imprisonment in the state prison for ten years, to stay the execution of such sentence whenever the court shall be of the opinion that by reason of the character of such person, or the facts and circumstance of his case, the welfare of society does not require that he shall suffer the penalty imposed by law for such offense so long as he shall thereafter be of good behavior, and at any time after the imposition of sentence in all cases where the sentence imposed is to a county jail, work farm or work house, any such court of this State shall have like power upon application of a prisoner and after notice to the county attorney.

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

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CHAPTER 299—H. F. No. 251.

An act to authorize and empower the city council or common council of cities of this state of over fifty thousand inhabitants to issue and sell municipal negotiable certificates of indebtedness and to use the proceeds thereof for defraying the cost of laying main trunk sewers, storm sewers, making certain local improvements in intersections of streets and in front of property exempt by law from special assessments.

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

Section 1. Certain cities to sell certificates of indebtedness to pay for sewers, etc.—Rate of interest not to exceed 6%.—The City Council or common council of each and every city of this state now or hereafter having a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants is hereby authorized and empowered for the purposes herein designated, to issue from time to time, as needed, the negotiable certificates of indebtedness of such city to an amount not exceeding one hundred fifty thousand dollars in any one year, said negotiable certificates of indebtedness to be made in such denomination and payable at such places and at such times, not less than two years, nor more than five years from the date thereof, as may be deemed best, and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent per annum payable semi-annually with interest coupons attached, payable at such place or places as shall be designated therein and said city council or common council, as the case may be is further authorized to negotiate and sell such negotiable certificates of indebtedness, from time to time as needed, at private or public sale, as shall be determined by said city or common council. No such

negotiable certificates of indebtedness shall be sold for a less amount than the par value thereof and accrued interest thereon.

Provided that not more than fifty thousand dollars of any yearly issue of such negotiable certificates of indebtedness shall be made payable in any one year.

Sec. 2. To be sold notwithstanding limitations in charter.—The negotiable certificates of indebtedness authorized by Section 1 of this act may be issued and sold by any such city notwithstanding any limitation contained in the charter of such city, or in any law of this state prescribing or fixing any limit upon the bonded indebtedness of such city, but the full faith and credit of any such city shall at all times be pledged for the payment of any negotiable certificates of indebtedness issued under this act, and for the payment of current interest thereon, and the said city council or common council, shall each year include in the tax levy a sufficient amount for the payment of such interest as it accrues, and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such certificates of indebtedness at their maturity.

Sec. 3. Certificates to have coupons.—All negotiable certificates of indebtedness issued under authority of this act shall be sealed with the seal of the city issuing the same, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk and countersigned by the City Comptroller or city auditor of such city, except that the signature to the coupons attached to such negotiable certificates of indebtedness, if any, may be lithographed thereon. The sale of such negotiable certificates of indebtedness shall be made in the manner and in the proportion of the whole amount authorized to be issued in any one year by this act, and at such times, as may be determined by said city council or common council.

Sec. 4. To constitute special fund.—The proceeds of any and all of the negotiable certificates of indebtedness issued and sold under authority of this act shall be placed in the City Treasury of the City issuing the same, and shall constitute a special fund, and shall be kept distinct from all other funds of the city, and shall be issued only for the purpose of paying such portion of local public improvements in such city as will not sustain a special assessment, to-wit: (1) Laying, relaying or extending any main trunk or storm sewer, (2) Paving, repaving or macadamizing any street, lane, alley or street intersection, (3) Constructing, reconstructing, laying and placing of any curb, (4) Constructing or reconstructing any gutter or gutters. The proceeds of said negotiable certificates of indebtedness or any thereof shall not be issued for any other purpose than those herein specified.

Sec. 5. Application.—This act shall only apply to such cities as are or may be governed by a charter adopted pursuant to Section 36, Art. 4 of the constitution of this state; except that it shall not apply to any city of the first class having a board of estimate

and taxation authorized to issue bonds as provided by Chapter 252, Laws of Minnesota for 1919.

Sec. 6. Powers granted are in addition to all others.—The powers granted in this act are in addition to all existing powers of such cities.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 15, 1921.

CHAPTER 300—H. F. No. 260.

An act to amend Sections 4 and 5 of Chapter 427, Laws 1919, which said Chapter is entitled "An act relating to county co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics, authorizing counties to appropriate funds for said purposes, providing for the distribution of moneys appropriated by the state for said purposes and authorizing the formation of county farm bureau associations to co-operate in such work."

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

Section 1. Section 4, Chapter 427, Laws 1919 amended.—That Section 4 of Chapter 427, Laws 1919, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 4. Money to be expended under direction of dean of agriculture.—All moneys hereafter appropriated by the state for the purpose of aiding in the maintenance and expenses of county co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics shall be disbursed in sums not exceeding \$2,000 annually to any one county and not exceeding \$1,000 to any one agent employed in one county during one year. The moneys so appropriated are to be expended under the direction of the dean of the department of agriculture of the University of Minnesota who is hereby empowered to carry out the provisions of this act. To secure this state aid the county shall have first complied with the following requirements:

(a) Raised locally each year at least \$1,000 for the support of county co-operative extension work in agriculture and home economics.

(b) Organized a county farm bureau association having at least one hundred farmer members in good standing and having among its objects the promotion of the purposes of this act and having on deposit in the local bank at least \$200 available for use by such association in maintaining its organization, satisfactory proof of which shall be furnished annually to the dean of the department of agriculture of the University of Minnesota.

(c) Agreed to the employment of such agent or agents as are necessary to conduct the county co-operative extension work in