

village, or which contained within its limits and as a part of its territory an area not exceeding one square mile in which there was contained a voting population of 100 voters or more and in which said District there was maintained a graded or semi-graded or state high school and taxes shall be levied in said district to pay said bonds.

Sec. 4. School houses to be property of distric where located.—Any school houses which are the property of said Consolidated District and are within the territory of the new districts which may be formed under this act shall belong to and be the property of said new districts and said new districts shall become the owner thereof.

Sec. 5. Portions of act unconstitutional not to affect balance.—If any provision or part of this act or any section or part thereof be held unconstitutional no other provision or part or section or part thereof shall be thereby impaired or rendered unconstitutional. The provisions of this Act and each part thereof and its sections and each part thereof are independent and severable.

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

Approved April 21, 1923.

CHAPTER 436—S. F. No. 934.

An act authorizing and directing the State Board of Control or other body having charge of any state insane hospital, hospital, sanitorium for consumptives or other state institution or of any county hospital or sanitorium for consumptives in which disabled ex-service persons are inmates or patients to collect from the United States Government the maximum allowance for their support and maintenance and providing that the excess of such allowance above the cost of maintaining such inmates be paid into the State Soldiers Welfare Fund and establishing such State Soldiers Welfare Fund, and providing for the management and disbursements thereof.

WHEREAS, the State Board of Control is now permitted by law to collect for the maintenance of ex-service inmates of state institutions only the current cash disbursements for maintenance, and such amounts so permitted to be collected do not include costs of investment, carrying cost or depreciation, or provision for additional facilities for civilian inmates crowded out to make room for such ex-service persons, and

WHEREAS, the United States Government has allowed and is willing to pay the State Board of Control a larger sum for the support and maintenance of such ex-service persons than the existing law permits it to collect, and

WHEREAS, it is just and proper that the State receive for the maintenance of such ex-service persons such sums as the United States if willing to pay therefor, and as will cover such investment, depreciation and carrying costs, and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota desires to use any moneys the United States is willing to pay for the maintenance of such ex-service persons in excess of the cash disbursements for their maintenance for the benefit of disabled and indigent citizens who served in the military or naval forces of the United States. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. State board of control to collect funds from veterans' bureau for certain purposes.—That the State Board of Control, the Board, superintendent, commission or other administrative body in charge of any State insane hospital, the state sanitorium for consumptives, the Minnesota general hospital, or any state institution or in charge of any county hospital or sanitorium for consumptives, whether maintained by one county or by a group of counties in which any persons suffering from disability incurred in or connected with service in the military or naval forces of the United States in the world war are inmates or domiciled for whose care and maintenance provision is made by the United States Government, be and are hereby authorized and directed to collect from the United States Veterans Bureau or other agency of the United States Government authorized to pay for the care and support of such persons, the maximum amount allowed and that can be collected for the care, maintenance and treatment of any and all such ex-service persons.

Sec. 2. Funds to be used for care and maintainance of disabled soldiers.—The State Board of Control, the board superintendent commission or other administrative body in charge of any such hospital, sanitorium or institution shall retain and pay into the funds of such institution for and on account of such ex-service persons for whose care, maintenance and treatment an allowance is collected as hercinbefore provided for from the United States Government or other agency of the United States Government, out of the moneys so collected, only the average gross per capita cost of maintaining and supporting inmates in any such hospital, sanitorium or other institution and any special or extra expenditures or disbursements made for or in connection with the care and maintenance of such ex-service persons, and shall retain in a separate fund and shall pay to the State Board of Control as hereinafter provided, for and on account of the State Soldiers Welfare Fund hereinafter established, the excess of such amounts so collected over and above such gross per capita maintenance cost and disbursements and expenditures. The proper officer of each of said institutions

shall keep in a book prepared for that purpose a daily record of the ex-service persons actually residing there and domiciled in such institution and shall make monthly reports thereof to the State Board of Control.

The governing board, commission or administrative head of any such institution shall on or before the 10th day of every month transmit to the State Board of Control the excess of such amounts so collected over and above such gross per capita costs and disbursements, and the State Board of Control shall pay into the State Soldiers Welfare Fund hereinafter established the sums so received from any such institution, and the excess of the sums collected by it as herein provided for from the United States Government or any agency thereof, in excess over and above such gross per capita maintenance cost and disbursements.

Sec. 3. State soldiers' welfare fund created.—There is hereby created a State Soldiers Welfare fund to aid and assist any citizen of Minnesota who served in the military or naval forces of the United States, and who was a citizen of Minnesota at the time of entering such service in securing compensation, hospitalization, medical treatment, insurance or other relief or benefits to which he may be entitled from the United States or any other Government or State and for the emergency, hospitalization, treatment and maintenance of all such persons.

Sec. 4. Composition of fund.—The said State Soldiers Welfare Fund shall consist of all sums paid to or received by the State Board of Control under the provisions of this act and of any and all moneys and properties that may be donated, given, bequeathed or devised to said State Soldiers Welfare Fund or to the State Board of Control for the benefit of said fund.

Sec. 5. Board of control to expend fund.—The said State Soldiers Welfare Fund shall be administered by the State Board of Control and shall be used to locate and investigate the facts as to any citizen of Minnesota who served in the military or naval forces of the United States and who was a citizen of Minnesota at the time of entering such service and who is indigent or suffering from any disability whether acquired in such service or not; to assist any such person in establishing and proving any just claim he may have against the United States Government, or any other Government or State for compensation, insurance, relief or other benefits and to provide emergency hospitalization, treatment, maintenance and relief for any such person suffering from disability and to co-operate with other State, municipal and county officials and civic or civilian agencies or organizations in carrying out the provisions of this act.

Such fund is hereby appropriated to be used in such manner as the State Board of Control may determine for such purposes.

Sec. 6. Board to appoint soldiers' welfare agent.—The State Board of Control shall appoint a Soldiers Welfare Agent to have charge of its activities hereunder and is hereby empowered to employ such assistants and to incur such other expense as may be necessary for the administration of said State Soldiers Welfare Fund and carrying out of the provisions of this act; provided that no expense shall be incurred under the provisions of this in excess of the moneys available in such State Soldiers Welfare Fund.

Sec. 7. Soldiers' welfare fund to be deposited in state treasury.—Said State Soldiers Welfare Fund shall be deposited in the State Treasury and paid out only in such vouchers as may be authorized and approved by the State Board of Control in the same manner and under the same restrictions as are now provided by law for the disbursement of funds by said State Board of Control.

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

Approved April 21, 1923.

CHAPTER 437—S. F. No. 988.

An act authorizing the cancellation of certain uncollectable state auditor's drafts.

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

Section 1. Drafts may be cancelled.—The Attorney General, Public Examiner and Chairman of the Tax Commission shall have authority by unanimous vote to cancel any uncollectable draft issued by the state auditor and delivered to the state treasurer for collection.

Sec. 2. Not to cancel collectable drafts.—As soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year the auditor and treasurer shall certify to the officials named in Section 1 a list of uncollectable drafts which have accumulated during the preceding year or years, but there shall not be included in said list any draft which in the opinion of the Attorney General can be collected by legal action.

Sec. 3. Certified list to be made.—Whenever any drafts are cancelled under this act the officials authorized to cancel same shall make a certified list thereof to the auditor and treasurer whose duty it shall be to cancel the record thereof in their office.

Sec. 4. Not to be cancelled until six years have elapsed.—No draft for a sum in excess of \$25.00 shall be cancelled until more than six years after the date of issuance, and nothing in this act shall be construed as a cancellation or abandonment