

tion with the state hospitals for the insane, *five* detention hospitals, to be known as first, second, third, *fourth and fifth* state detention hospitals, which shall be under the supervision, respectively, of the superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, at which it is located. The director of public institutions shall determine to what detention hospital patients shall be committed from each county and notify the probate judge thereof and of changes made from time to time. Each person found to be insane, except those criminally insane, shall be committed to the proper detention hospital, there to be kept and treated until the superintendent shall determine and certify either that he is not insane or that he is a fit subject for a state hospital for the insane. If he is found to be sane he shall be discharged, as provided by law in other cases. If, after a reasonable time, the superintendent deems him a fit subject for a state hospital or asylum, and so certifies to the director of public institutions, the director of public institutions shall transfer him to a hospital or asylum, to be detained and treated as provided by law.

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CHAPTER 548—S. F. No. 964

An act relating to the change of boundaries of independent school districts having a population of more than 2300 and less than 2800 and an assessed valuation of taxable property exclusive of moneys and credits of more than \$6,500,000, more than 70 per cent of which consists of iron ore, and repealing Laws 1943, Chapter 511.

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

Section 1. **Repeal.** Laws 1943, Chapter 511, is hereby repealed.

Approved April 23, 1945.

CHAPTER 549—S. F. No. 973

An act relating to the incurring and payment of municipal and school district obligations in certain cases, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 475.23, as amended by Laws 1943, Chapter 480

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 475.23, as amended by Laws 1943, Chapter 480, is amended so as to read as follows:

475.23. **Amount of limitation on net indebtedness; special existing limitations not increased; elections, where required.** No municipality, except school districts *and cities of the first class*, shall hereafter incur or be subject to a net debt beyond ten per cent of the last assessed valuation, as finally equalized, of all taxable property therein, including moneys and credits, provided, however, that municipalities receiving special state aid under the provisions of Chapter 259, Laws of 1923 may incur, by a vote of the majority of the electors of such municipality an indebtedness not to exceed twenty per cent of such assessed valuation, and no school district shall incur or become subject to a net debt beyond twenty per cent of such assessed valuation. No city of the first class shall be subject to a net debt *in excess of five per cent of the full and true valuation, as finally equalized, of all taxable property therein, excluding money and credits*, unless the Charter for such city contains a provision to the effect *that its net debt may exceed such per cent of the last assessed valuation of all taxable property therein*; but if any such charter permits a net debt in excess of five per cent of its assessed valuation including money and credits, such city shall *hereafter* be subject to a net debt limitation of ten per cent of the full and true value of its taxable real and personal property, excluding money and credits, *notwithstanding any limitations contained in its home rule charter or in existing laws. In calculating such net debt, only the obligations set forth and described in Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 475.03, Subdivision 8, shall be deducted from gross debt.* The county auditor of the county in which any such city is situated, shall annually at the time of preparing the tax list of the city, determine and compile a statement setting forth for such year the total assessed value and the total full and true value of each class of taxable real and personal property in such city.

Sec. 2. **Not to increase limit of debt.** No independent school district located wholly or partly within a city of the first class shall have power to issue any bonds or any evidence of indebtedness unless first thereunto authorized by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body of the city within which such school district is situated in whole or in part; and no such school district shall have power to issue bonds or any evidence of indebtedness running more than two years, whether the aggregate of the outstanding bonds and evidence of

indebtedness of such district equals or exceeds three and one-half per cent of the assessed value of the taxable property within such school district; provided, further, however, that if the net indebtedness of any municipality shall exceed the limit applicable thereto as provided herein, at the time this act takes effect, but was not in excess of the limit of debt prescribed by law at the time the indebtedness was incurred, such municipality may issue and sell, pursuant to the provisions hereof, obligations to refund any of such indebtedness at the time of the maturity thereof, if there are not sufficient funds to pay the same.

Sec. 3. Implied repeal. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

Approved April 23, 1945.

CHAPTER 550—S. F. No. 976

An act providing for police protection of cars at terminal points containing grain and providing penalties for violation thereof; amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 233.33.

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

Section 1. That Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 233.33 is hereby amended to read as follows:

233.33. Police protection. *Subdivision 1. Protection to grain.* All railroad companies, warehousemen and millers operating at the terminal points of this state shall furnish ample and sufficient police protection at all of their several terminal yards and on their terminal tracks to securely protect all cars containing grain, while the same are in their possession, shall prohibit and restrain all unauthorized persons, whether under the guise of samplers, sweepers, or under any other pretext whatever, from entering or loitering in or about their respective railroad yards or tracks and from entering any cars of grain under their control, or removing grain therefrom, and shall employ and detail such number of watchmen as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section.

Subd. 2. Violations and penalties. Any railroad company, warehouseman or miller operating at any terminal point of this state, who shall fail to comply with the provisions of this