

within the limit of their ability to cover such amounts, and the excess, if any, in companies having sufficient paid-up capital to authorize their admission, and payable, in case of loss, to the bank or holder of the warehouse receipt.

Subd. 7. When a bank shall allow any *individual, partnership, unincorporated association, or corporation, or any officer or director of the bank*, to become indebted to it, directly or indirectly, in excess of the amount, exclusive of interest permitted by the laws of this state, the officer or employee of the bank wilfully permitting or approving the loan shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor and, in addition thereto, shall be personally liable to the bank for the amount of the loan in excess of the statutory limit.

Approved March 7, 1945.

CHAPTER 63—H. F. No. 578

An act relating to banks owning real estate, and amending Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 48.21.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1941, Section 48.21, is amended to read as follows :

48.21. May hold real estate; restrictions. Such bank may purchase, *carry as an asset*, and convey real estate for the following purposes :

(1) Such as shall be necessary for the convenient transaction of its business, including with its banking office other apartments to rent as a source of income, which investment shall not exceed 40 per cent of its paid-in capital stock and permanent surplus.

(2) Such as is acquired through foreclosure of any mortgage given to it in good faith by way of security for loans made or money due to such bank.

(3) Such as is conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts previously contracted in good faith in the course of its dealings.

(4) Such as it acquires by sale on execution or judgment of any court in its favor.

It shall not purchase, carry as an asset, or convey real estate in any other case or for any other purpose whatever. No real estate acquired in the cases contemplated in clauses 2, 3, and 4, shall be carried as an asset for a longer period than five years, unless such time has been extended by certificate of the commissioner of banks, *except that a certificate shall not be required in cases where real estate has been sold on contract for deed providing the vendee has paid at least 25 per cent of the purchase price in cash, or where real estate has been charged down to one dollar, or charged off entirely.*

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CHAPTER 64—S. F. No. 74

An act relating to salaries of certain officers and employees of cities incorporated under Laws 1895, Chapter 8; amending Laws 1895, Chapter 8, Section 53.

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

Section 1. Laws 1895, Chapter 8, Section 53, is amended to read as follows :

“Section 53. **Salaries to be fixed by council.** The salaries of all officers and employees of the city shall be fixed by a resolution passed by a three-fourths vote of all the members of the city council and the salaries of the officers and employees shall be paid monthly and the salaries of employees may be paid weekly, unless otherwise provided by law, out of the treasury of the city, and the salaries of officers whose terms of office are fixed by this act shall not be increased or diminished during the term for which the officer shall have been chosen, nor during the time intervening between his election or appointment and the commencement of his said term; provided, that the salary of aldermen shall not exceed \$300.00 per annum; and until the city council shall have so fixed the salaries as herein provided, no salary or compensation shall be allowed or paid to any of the following named officers or employees or any of them, in cities where the same may exist, in excess of the following named sums, to-wit: The mayor, \$3,000 per annum; the mayor's private secretary, \$1,200 per annum; the treasurer, \$4,000 per annum; the comptroller, \$4,000 per annum; the city clerk, \$4,000 per annum; the city attorney, \$4,000 per annum; the city engi-