

CHAPTER 637—H. F. No. 1754

An act relating to the acquisition of political subdivisions of the state of equipment, supplies and materials or other property including real property, from the federal government; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 471.64.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 471.64, is amended to read:

471.64 **Acquisition of certain property from United States.** Subdivision 1. Any county, city, village, borough, town, school district, or other political subdivision of the state may enter into any contract with the United States of America or with any agency thereof for the purchase, lease, or other acquisition of equipment, supplies, materials, or other property, *including real property*, without regard to statutory or charter provisions *but in accordance with the rules and regulations which may be prescribed by the United States of America or any agency thereof.*

Subd. 2. The governing body of any political subdivision of the state may designate by appropriate resolution or order any officer or employee of its own to enter a bid or bids in its behalf at any sale of equipment, supplies, material or other property, *including real property*, owned by the United States of America or any agency thereof and may authorize him to make any down payment, or payment in full, required in connection with such bidding.

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CHAPTER 638—H. F. No. 1777

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An act authorizing a creation of permanent improvement funds in each city or village when more than 50 percent of its assessed valuation consists of iron ore and authorizing a tax levy therefor.

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

Section 1. **Application.** This act applies to each city or village in which more than 50 percent of its assessed valuation of real and personal property consists of iron ore and in which the total assessed valuation of real and personal property exceeds \$200,000.

Sec. 2. Permanent improvement and replacement fund.

The governing body of such city or village may create a permanent improvement and replacement fund to be maintained by an annual tax levy. Such tax to be in excess of any charter or statutory limitation for the support of such permanent improvement and replacement fund and shall not exceed the following:

(a) In cities or villages having a population of not more than 900 inhabitants, the council or governing body may levy a tax of not exceeding \$7.50 per capita and not exceeding ten mills;

(b) In cities or villages having a population of more than 900 inhabitants, the council or governing body may levy a tax of not exceeding \$5 per capita and not exceeding five mills;

Sec. 3. Expenditure from fund, limitation. No expenditure in excess of 60 percent of one year's levy or \$25,000, whichever is greater, may be made from such permanent improvement or replacement fund in any year without first obtaining the approval of a majority of the voters voting at a general or special municipal election at which the question of making such expenditures has been submitted. In submitting any proposal to the voters for approval, the amount proposed to be spent and the purpose thereof shall be stated in the proposal submitted. The proceeds of such levies may be pledged for the payment of any bonds issued pursuant to law for any purposes authorized hereby and annual payments upon such bonds or interest may be made without additional authorization.

Sec. 4. Additional to charter fund. When any such city or village shall be created by charter provision or otherwise any permanent improvement or replacement fund, the funds from the collection of taxes provided for in section 2 shall be in addition to and in excess of any amount or limitations on the tax levies provided in any of its charter provisions.

Sec. 5. Use of fund. Any such city or village may use such fund for any permanent improvement authorized by law and for the betterment, including reconstruction, extension, major improvement or rehabilitation, or remodeling, of any public building or municipal facility, but not including ordinary current repairs thereto. Nothing herein shall restrict any powers which any city or village may have under existing law.

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