

engineer shall be fixed by the county board and be payable the same as other county officers are paid. His salary shall not be reduced during his term of office; provided, that the salary of the county highway engineer may be reduced in the same proportion as the salary of the county board in such county.

Any engineer employed by the state when properly certified by the commissioner of highways may be employed as county highway engineer and during the period of such employment and for the purposes of such employment he may be granted leave of absence from the state service, notwithstanding any limitation on leaves of absence contained in the civil service act.

The director of civil service shall allocate a state civil service classification to any *city, village or county highway engineer* as may be from time to time requested by the commissioner of highways. Such allocation shall be made on the same basis and subject to the same provisions of law as pertain to engineering and similar positions in the state classified service. The director shall give consideration to the education, professional attainments, and experience of such *city, village or county highway engineer* for purposes of transfer to the state service. All *city, village or county highway engineers* who have had not less than two years service prior to such transfer may be transferred to such state classification so allocated without examination, but subject to a six months probationary period, in the state classified service. The director of civil service shall establish procedure for such transfer.

The commissioner of highways may certify any *city, village or county highway engineer* that he may deem qualified to the director of civil service as eligible to take any specific promotional examination held for civil engineer or civil engineering aid as classified by the state civil service commission. The service rating of such engineer shall include past service with the state and as *city, village or county highway engineer*, if he had prior service with the state highway department as a supervisory engineer.

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CHAPTER 873—S. F. No. 1434

An act relating to municipal parking facilities and the procedure relative to the bonds issued therefor; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 459.14, Subdivisions 1 and 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 459.14, Subdivision 1, is amended as follows:

459.14 Automobile parking facilities. Subdivision 1. **Acquisition of property.** Any city of the second, third, or fourth class, however organized, and any village or borough may acquire by gift, lease, purchase or condemnation proceedings any real property within or without the corporate limits, or any interest therein, deemed by its governing body to be needed for improving the municipality's regulation and control of traffic on its streets, alleys and public grounds by providing, regulating and operating on-street or off-street parking lanes or areas, and may acquire by purchase or lease parking meters or other parking or traffic control devices and may devote any property already owned by the municipality and devoted to other purposes to be used as a parking lane or area and may construct, or otherwise provide, equip, maintain and operate automobile parking facilities and may expend municipal funds for these purposes. *Where all the bonds issued for a given project are wholly payable from the net revenue of all such operations, the proceeds of such bonds may be used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of automobile parking facilities by a resolution adopted by the governing body without an election notwithstanding any charter or statutory provision to the contrary.* The term "automobile parking facilities" as used in this section includes lots, lanes, garages, ramps or other structures and accessories including such meters and devices; such facilities may be surface facilities above or under the ground. Provided that no product or service other than the parking of vehicles and the delivery thereof shall be dispensed or furnished at or in connection with any such parking facility. Provided, further, that the municipality shall not convert to a parking facility any land conveyed to it on a condition restricting its use to some other purpose.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 459.14, Subdivision 3, is amended as follows:

Subd. 3. **Bonds.** Any municipality to which this section applies may issue bonds for the acquisition, construction or improvement of automobile parking facilities. Any such bonds shall be authorized and issued and sold in the manner prescribed by the laws of this state or the charter of the municipality for the issuance and authorization of bonds thereof for public purposes generally, except as in this subdivision otherwise provided. The amount of all bonds issued by any municipality under this section shall not be included in the net indebtedness of the municipality or in any computation of the

outstanding indebtedness of the municipality for the purpose of determining the limit of its net indebtedness. Bonds so authorized and issued may be made payable wholly from general ad valorem taxes levied in sufficient amounts upon all taxable properties in the municipality, or wholly from special assessments levied upon properties within one or more parking, benefit districts, or wholly from the net revenues of operations of on-street and off-street facilities, or such bonds may be made payable from any combination of such sources of income, as specified and defined in the resolution or ordinance authorizing their issuance; provided that *bonds may be issued pledging the faith and credit of the municipality for the payment without the prior approval of a majority of the voters of the municipality voting thereon at an election ordered by the governing body if special assessments have been levied in an amount not less than 50 per cent of the amount of such bonds; and provided further that where such bonds are payable wholly from the net revenues of all such operations, the bonds may be authorized, issued and sold by a resolution adopted by the governing body without an election notwithstanding any charter or statutory provision to the contrary.*

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CHAPTER 874—S. F. No. 1486

[Coded in part]

An act relating to birth certificates for adopted children born in foreign countries; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 144.176, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 144.176, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Child born in foreign country.** In proceedings for the adoption of a person who was born in a foreign country, the district court, upon evidence and testimony presented by the commissioner of public welfare from information secured at the port of entry or from other reliable sources, may make findings of fact as to the date and place of birth and parentage of such person. Upon receipt of a certified copy of such findings of the district court, together with a certified copy of the order or decree of adoption, the state registrar shall prepare a birth certificate *in the new name of the adopted person and shall seal and file the certified copy of the findings*