

CHAPTER 151.

[S. H. B. 41.]

BONDS BY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

AN ACT relating to bonds issued by counties, cities, towns, school districts, port districts, metropolitan park districts and other municipal corporations, and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

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

SECTION 1. Hereafter all bonds, including re-funding bonds, issued under lawful authority by any county, city, town, school district, port district or metropolitan park district, shall be serial in form and maturity and numbered from one upward consecutively. Interest on all such bonds shall be payable either annually or semi-annually, as may be set forth in the act of the officers of the issuing municipal corporation. The various annual maturities shall commence with the second year after the date of issue of such bonds and shall (as nearly as practicable) be in such amounts as will, together with the interest on all outstanding bonds, be met by an equal annual tax levy for the payment of said bonds and interest: *Provided, however,* that only bond number one of any issue shall be of a denomination other than a multiple of one hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. The officials now or hereafter charged by law with the duty of levying taxes for the payment of said bonds and interest shall, in the manner provided by law, make an annual levy sufficient to meet the annual or semi-annual payments of principal and interest on said bonds maturing as herein provided.

SEC. 3. Before any bonds issued by any such municipal corporation shall be offered for sale the corporate authorities issuing such bonds shall desig-

County, City,
town, school
district, port
district, metro-
politan park
district.

Serial in
form.

Tax levy.

Rate of
interest
designated.

nate the maximum rate of interest said bonds shall bear, which shall not be in excess of that allowed by law. When a vote of the electors shall have been taken on the question of the issuance of such bonds and the proposition submitted to the electors shall have specified the maximum rate of interest to be borne by said bonds, no increase of such maximum rate of interest shall be made by the corporate authorities. All such bonds shall be sold at public sale, and a notice calling for bids for the purchase of said bonds shall be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the official newspaper of the municipal corporation offering the bonds for sale, and such other notice shall be given as the corporate authorities may direct; or, if there be no official newspaper of the municipal corporation, the publication shall be made in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the corporation is located. Such notice shall specify a place, and designate a day and hour subsequent to the date of the last publication thereof when sealed bids will be received and publicly opened for the purchase of said bonds. A copy of such notice shall, at least three weeks prior to the date fixed for the sale, be mailed to the State Finance Committee, Olympia, Washington. The notice shall specify the maximum rate of interest such bonds shall bear, and shall require bidders to submit a bid specifying (a) the lowest rate of interest and premium, if any, above par, at which such bidder will purchase said bonds; or (b) the lowest rate of interest at which the bidder will purchase said bonds at par. The bonds shall be sold to the bidder making the best bid subject to the right of the corporate authorities to reject any and all bids and re-advertise. None of such bonds shall be sold at less than par and accrued interest, nor shall any discount or commission be allowed or paid on the sale of such bonds. All bids shall be sealed

Sale, public
auction.

Notice.

State finance
committee.

Bids.

and, except the bid of the State of Washington, if one is received, shall be accompanied by a deposit of five per cent, either cash or certified check, of the amount of the bid, which shall be returned if the bid is not accepted; and if the successful bidder shall fail or neglect to complete the purchase of said bonds within thirty days following the acceptance of his bid, the amount of his deposit shall be forfeited to the municipal corporation issuing the bonds, and in that event the corporate authorities may accept the bid of the one making the next best bid, or if all bids be rejected such corporate authorities shall re-advertise said bonds for sale in the same manner as herein provided for the original advertisement. If there be two or more equal bids and such bids are the best bids received, and not less than par and accrued interest, the corporate authorities shall determine which bids will be accepted.

Deposits.

SEC. 4. If a bid be accepted the deposits of all other bidders shall be thereupon returned; if no bid be accepted the deposits of all, except the two highest bidders, shall be returned forthwith; if all bids be rejected, then all deposits shall be returned forthwith.

Maturity of bonds.

SEC. 5. Bonds issued under this act shall never be issued to run for a longer period than thirty years from the date of the issue and shall, as near as practicable, be issued for a period which will be equivalent to the life of the improvement to be acquired by the use of the bonds.

Public utility bonds.

SEC. 6. This act shall not apply to public utility bonds payable wholly from the earnings of such utility.

Repeal.

SEC. 7. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed: *Provided*, that this act shall not affect the validity nor the procedure necessary for the payment and redemption of any

Saving clause.

bonds heretofore issued and sold by any such municipal corporation, or any bonds authorized under existing laws, a part of which have been sold.

Passed the House March 3, 1923.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1923.

CHAPTER 152.

[H. B. 17.]

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

AN ACT relating to health, welfare, and care of children in attendance at public schools, and amending section 4806 of Remington's Compiled Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 4806 of Remington's Compiled Statutes be amended to read as follows: Amends § 4806;
Pierce's Code
§ 5007a.

The Board of Directors of any public school in any school district of the first class may cause to be furnished free of charge, in a suitable individual sterilized receptacle on each and every school day to each child in attendance under the age of fourteen years desiring the same, not less than one half pint of pure whole milk. The cost of supplying such milk shall be paid for and in the same manner and out of the same fund as the other items of expense incurred in the conduct and operation of said school. First class
district.

Free milk
for pupils.

Passed the House February 2, 1923.

Passed the Senate February 21, 1923.

Permitted to become a law without the signature of the Governor.

J. GRANT HINKLE,
Secretary of State.