ACTS AND RESOLVES

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of said district present and voting at any annual or special meeting held for that purpose to issue its negotiable bonds to an amount not exceeding fifty-five thousand dollars for the purpose of buying a site and building and equipping a schoolhouse thereon.

- SEC. 2. The board of school directors shall determine the denomination of such bonds, the rate of interest to be paid thereon, which shall not exceed five per centum per annum, at what time or times payable semi-annually not to exceed twenty-five years from the date thereof and at what place or places the same shall be payable and the amount of the principal payable each year; provided, however, that at the expiration of such twenty-five years the entire balance of such bonds shall be due and payable. Such bonds may be registered or have interest coupons attached.
- SEC. 3. The bonds issued under authority of this act shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor after being advertised once a week for three consecutive weeks on the same day of the week in a newspaper published in the county of Rutland and also in some newspaper outside the county of Rutland, having general circulation in the state. The school directors may reject any and all bids and if all bids are rejected they may advertise and call for new bids in the manner hereinbefore provided.
- SEC. 4. Such bonds when issued shall be signed by the school directors and countersigned by the treasurer, if interest coupons are attached they shall bear the fac-smile signature of the treasurer. Such bonds shall bear on the face thereof a statement of the authority conferred by this act and of the vote of the school district authorizing the issue thereof and such statement shall be conclusive evidence of the same and of the liability of said district to a bona fide holder thereof.
- SEC. 5. The proceeds of the sale of such bonds shall not be used for any purpose other than purchasing a site and building and equipping a school house.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect from its passage. Approved March 18, 1925.

No. 169.—AN ACT TO ENABLE THE VILLAGE OF BRATTLEBORO TO ISSUE BONDS FOR A WATER SYSTEM AND IMPROVEMENTS THERETO.

[H. 54]

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. The village of Brattleboro is hereby authorized to issue, without further vote of the village, its negotiable bonds to pay for the water system purchased of the Brattleboro

Water Works Company, and to pay for such land as the commissioners of said village shall vote to purchase, or otherwise acquire for the protection of the watershed of Pleasant Valley Reservoir, and to pay for such repairs and improvements on the system as said commissioners shall deem advisable. Such bonds shall not be restricted by any statutory or other limit of indebtedness of said village, and the provisions of chapter 176 of the General Laws shall not be applicable thereto. The proceedings of said village at its special meeting on January 2, 1925 and all acts done in pursuance thereof, and all indebtedness incurred or to be incurred on account of said vote are hereby confirmed and made valid.

- The commissioners of said village, by a majority vote of those present at a commissioner's meeting duly called and held for that purpose, may vote to issue from time to time such negotiable bonds, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of five hundred seventy-five thousand dollars as the commissioners shall deem necessary for the purposes mentioned in the preceding section; may vote to determine at what time or times, not exceeding thirty years, and at what place or places the same shall be payable, the rate of interest thereon, not to exceed 4 1-4 per cent per annum, payable annually or semi-annually. bonds shall be in denomination of not less than five hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars each, and shall be in such form and with such provisions as to registration as said commissioners shall determine. Such bonds shall be payable serially within thirty years in such annual amounts of principal as the board of commissioners shall determine.
- SEC. 3. Each of such bonds shall be signed by the commissioners of the village and countersigned by the treasurer. If interest coupons are attached they shall bear the facsimile signature of the treasurer. Such bonds shall contain on the face thereof a statement of the purpose for the issue thereof and the authority conferred by this act, and the same shall be conclusive evidence of the fact of the liability of said village to a bona fide holder thereof, and shall be sold at such times and in such manner as the commissioners shall determine.
- SEC. 4. The treasurer of the village shall keep an accurate record of each bond issued, stating therein the number and denomination of each bond, when, and, if registered, to whom issued, when and where payable, the rate of interest thereon; and he shall keep a true record of all payments of interest and principals and if coupons or bonds are taken up, shall cancel the same.
- SEC. 5. If such village does not seasonably provide for the payment of the interest and principal on such bonds, as the same shall become due, it shall be the duty of the commissioners of said village, without the vote of such village, seasonably to assess upon the grand list of such village a tax sufficient to meet the interest and principal of such bonds as the same become due, and to place the same, with a proper warrant signed by a justice

of the peace residing in such village, in the hands of the collector of taxes for the village. Such collector shall immediately collect such tax and pay the same into the hands of the treasurer, who shall pay such interest and principal with the proceeds of such tax.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from its passage. Approved February 6, 1925.

No. 170.—AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE OF BRATTLEBORO TO OPERATE A WATER SYSTEM.

[H. 194]

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Section 1. The village of Brattleboro is hereby authorized and empowered to operate, maintain, enlarge, extend, add to, renew and repair the water system which said village purchased of the Brattleboro Water Works Company and to maintain and repair all extensions, additions and renewals to such system, for the purpose of supplying the village, the town of Brattleboro and the inhabitants thereof, with water for fire, domestic and mercantile purposes, and for such other purposes as the village through its board of commissioners may from time to time determine. The village may, from time to time, change its pipe lines in any street, common or highway and may for the purposes aforesaid dig up and open any street, common or highway and may occupy any public bridge, for the purpose of constructing and laying down aqueducts and pipe lines connected with said water system, and their necessary appurtenances,

feeders, and extensions. SEC. 2. The village The village may take and hold by gift, purchase or the right of eminent domain, within or without its corporate limits, real estate, ponds, springs, streams, water sources, water rights or easements in or over the land of individuals, associations or corporations, and divert water from natural channels into its water supply, on making compensation therefor; but the village shall not take, otherwise than by gift, purchase or devise, water or a spring of water which the owner or other person, having a vested right or interest therein, or in the use thereof, may reasonably require for domestic or agricultural purposes. If the owner of any real estate, pond, spring, stream, water source, water right, or easement in or over lands necessary for the enlargement and improvement of said system and land for the protection of the watershed of said system, refuses to convey the same to the village at a reasonable price, or refuses to convey to said village for a reasonable price the right to damage or affect his lands to such extent as may be needed in the acquirement, use or enjoyment of said water supply, the commissioners of said village may petition the selectmen of the town where said