

complied with, they shall either at such session of said board or at such other time as may be appointed by them (not later than thirty (30) days thereafter) proceed to hear and determine such petition; and if such board shall determine that the construction of such ditch will be of public benefit or utility, or conducing to the public health, convenience or welfare, they shall accept such petition and appoint three (3) resident freeholders of the county not interested in the construction of the proposed work, and not of kin to any parties interested therein, as viewers, to meet at a time and place specified by said board, preparatory to commencing their duties as hereinafter specified.

SEC. 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. *This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.*

Approved April 20th, 1899.

CHAPTER 348.

H. F. No. 682.

Twin City
Jockey club,
claims of
against state.

An act to provide for the appointment of a commission to adjust and determine the claim of the Twin City Jockey Club, its successors or assigns against the State of Minnesota and to appropriate the necessary money therefor.

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

Claims of,
for improve-
ments on
State Fair
grounds,
commission
to adjust.

SECTION 1. The attorney general and two (2) justices of the supreme court to be selected or designated by the governor are constituted a commission whose duty it shall be to determine the value of the permanent improvements made at the state fair grounds by the said Twin City Jockey Club, their present value, what proportion, if any, should be paid by the state, and to make an award to the Twin City Jockey Club, its successors or assigns, as compensation therefor.

Powers of
commission.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of determining the amount to be so awarded, the said commission shall have power and it shall be its duty to take evidence and receive testimony, both documentary and otherwise, of witnesses under oath, and it shall be duly authorized and empowered to administer oath to any and all of said witnesses.

SEC. 3. When said commission shall have determined the value of said improvements and made such award thereof it shall file its report with the governor, which shall be deemed to be an adjustment of said claim and a settlement of all claims and demands of whatever nature by said Twin City Jockey Club, its successors or assigns against the state, growing out of the permanent improvements heretofore made at said state fair grounds by it, and thereupon the state auditor shall draw his warrant for the amount so awarded and determined upon by said commission, as aforesaid, payable out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Commission
to report to
governor.

Provided, that before the said money awarded as here-
in provided shall be paid the said Twin City Jockey Club,
its successors or assigns, it, he or they, as the case may
be, shall convey to the State of Minnesota all claims on
account of the said permanent improvements aforesaid,
as well as all claims or demands against the State of Min-
nesota of every name, nature or description.

Payment of
award, when
made.

The form of the conveyance to be approved by the
attorney general.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
and after its passage.

Approved April 20th, 1899.

CHAPTER 349

H. F. No. 878.

*An act providing for the selection of candidates for
elections by popular vote, and relating to elections.*

Primary
elections in
counties of
200,000 peo-
ple.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minne-
sota:

SECTION 1. On Tuesday seven (7) weeks preceding any
election (except special elections) at which officers of and
for any county or city in this state are to be elected, a
primary election shall be held in the several election dis-
tricts of said county or city, in accordance with this act,
which shall be known as the primary election, for the
purpose of choosing candidates for all elective county
and city officers, judges, elective members of school
boards, park boards, library boards, and all other officers
which are to be chosen wholly by electors within and of
such city or county at said ensuing election, and said pri-
mary election day shall be and constitute the first day
of the registration of electors for the next ensuing elec-
tion in all election districts of counties which are subject

Time for
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didates to be
chosen at