

completion of such contract has been extended one year by the said county auditor and such county auditor has declared said contract forfeited and has re-advertised for bids for the completion of the ditch covered by said contract and no bids have been received in response to the advertisement, the said county auditor may, and he hereby is authorized to reinstate the original contract and to extend the same for one year from the date when it was declared forfeited.

Sec. 2. Requirements of contractor and bondsmen.—Such reinstatement and extension shall not become effective unless the contractor shall agree in writing to comply with all the provisions contained in the original contract. The bondsmen shall also be notified of the contemplated reinstatement and extension and if they assent thereto in writing shall be obligated as fully as under the original contract. In case the bondsmen shall refuse to approve such reinstatement and extension a new bond shall be required in such sum as the county auditor shall require, to be approved by the auditor. The provisions hereof shall not, however, be construed as relieving the original bondsmen from any obligation because of any failure of the contractor to comply with any of the conditions of the original contract; provided, that this act shall not be construed so as to affect any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts of this state.

Approved February 25, 1913.

CHAPTER 23—H. F. No. 22.

An Act to amend Chapter 172 of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1911, said Chapter 172 being "An Act to amend Section 191 of the Revised Laws 1905 and Section 252 of the Revised Laws 1905 as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 125 of the General Laws for the year 1909 relating to the hours for opening and closing polling places at primary and general elections, to provide for opening and closing hours for polling places at primary and general elections and to repeal Chapter 92 of the General Laws for the year 1905."

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

Section 1. Polls to be kept open in towns and villages from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.—That Chapter 172 of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1911 entitled "An Act to amend Section 191 of Revised Laws 1905 and Section 252 of Revised Laws 1905, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 125 of the General Laws for the year 1909 relating to the hours for opening

and closing polling places at primary and general elections, to provide for opening and closing hours for polling places at primary and general elections and to repeal Chapter 92 of the General Laws for the year 1905," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 191. The polls shall be kept open from 6 o'clock a. m. until 9 o'clock p. m. *except in towns and villages and in towns and villages it is hereby provided that the polls shall be kept open from 9 o'clock a. m. until 9 o'clock p. m.*, and the officers shall remain in session during the same hours for the registration of voters. If, at the hour of closing, there are any voters in the voting place, or in line at the door, who are qualified to register and vote and have not been able to do so since appearing, the polls shall be kept open a sufficient time to enable them to register and vote but no one not present at the hour of closing shall be entitled to register and vote, although the polls were not closed when he arrived. No adjournment or intermission shall be taken except as provided in the case of elections."

Sec. 2. **Same application as above section.**—That Section 252 of the Revised Laws 1905, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 125 of the General Laws for the year 1909 be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 252. In all cities of every class the polls shall be kept open from 6 o'clock a. m. until 9 o'clock p. m. *and in all towns* the polls shall be kept open from 9 o'clock a. m. until 9 o'clock p. m. No adjournment or intermission whatever shall be had until the polls are closed, all the votes counted, and the result publicly announced, but this shall not be construed to prevent any temporary recess for taking meals or other necessary purposes, provided the board remains in session and not more than one member thereof is absent at the same time."

Sec. 3. **Repealing Chapter 92, General Laws 1905.**—That Chapter 92 of the General Laws for the year 1905 be and the same is hereby repealed.

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

Approved February 25, 1913.

CHAPTER 24—H. F. No. 134.

An Act to relieve John McAlpine from liability for the purchase of timber in Lake county.

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

Section 1. **Relieving John McAlpine from certain liability.**
—WHEREAS, On the 14th day of October, 1909, certain timber was sold by the State of Minnesota to John McAlpine of Du-