

Sec. 3. **County board; duty.** This act shall take effect February 15, 1949. If the county board of such county has adopted a resolution for the allocation of such funds prior thereto, such action shall be void, and the county board shall reconsider the allocation pursuant to the provisions of this act. The reconsideration shall include all towns, villages and cities of the third or fourth class as they exist at the time thereof.

Approved March 8, 1949.

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CHAPTER 103—H. F. No. 417

*An act relating to methods of canvassing votes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 206.46, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 564.*

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 206.46, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 564, is amended to read :

**206.46. Canvassing votes; methods; inspection.** *When canvassing the votes, the ballots, shall first be separated into piles, each pile to contain only ballots on which is marked a vote for one candidate for an office, or one group of presidential electors, or for or against any proposition voted upon, as the case may be. After such separation has been made, one of the judges shall examine each such pile; and, if such judge shall find any ballots therein which are not marked for such candidate, group of presidential electors, or for or against such proposition, he shall remove the same therefrom, and if such ballots so removed are marked in such manner that they properly belong in another pile, such judge shall immediately place same in the proper pile. Following such inspection, each of the other two judges shall count the ballots in each such pile and as soon as their counts agree, they shall announce the number of ballots in each such pile to the clerks, who shall write the number in the proper place on the tally books. The same procedure shall be followed where more than one person is to be elected to an office, except that all ballots cast for one candidate shall be piled and counted before the ballots are similarly piled and counted for each other candidate.*

This procedure shall be followed by the judges and clerks until all votes cast for every candidate for office, every group of presidential electors, and for or against every proposition voted upon shall be counted and canvassed. The tally books provided for in this chapter shall be furnished by the city clerk for city elections and by the county auditor for county and state elections.

At the close of such canvass, before the returns are completed, the judges and clerks shall sign a certificate on the back of each tally book which shall be substantially as follows:

“CERTIFICATE

We, the undersigned judges and clerks of the . . . Precinct, . . . Ward, of the (City) (Village) (Town) of . . . . ., Minnesota, do hereby certify that all ballots cast at the . . . election held . . . . 19 . . . ., were carefully and properly piled, checked and counted, and that the number of votes marked opposite the respective names of the candidates, the respective groups of presidential electors, and respectively for and against the propositions voted upon correctly shows the number of votes so cast.

Signed: . . . . . Judges

Signed: . . . . . Clerks

Dated . . . . . Minnesota, . . . . ., 19 . . . .”

Approved March 8, 1949.

CHAPTER 104—H. F. No. 477

An act relating to possession of protected wild animals, amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 97.44, Subdivision 2.

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