

When and where
to meet to or-
ganize said town

SEC. 2. For the purpose of organizing said town, the legal voters thereof shall meet at the house of Benjamin Ambler, in said town, on the first Tuesday of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight. Any elector present at said meeting may call the same to order at any time between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon of said day, and thereupon the electors present shall choose one of their number moderator of said meeting, and one of their number clerk of the same.

Powers of elec-
tors after said
organization.

SEC. 3. After said meeting is so organized, the electors of said town present thereat shall have all the power and authority conferred by law upon the voters of towns at annual town meetings, and shall proceed in the same manner as other annual town meetings.

Not to affect any
tax levied prior
to organization.

SEC. 4. The erection and organization of said town shall not invalidate or in any manner effect any taxes levied upon any lands within said town or the collection of the same.

When act to take
effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and immediately after the passage of the same, the secretary of state shall transmit a certified copy of the same to the auditor of Wright county.

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CHAPTER LIII.

March 6, 1868.

An Act collating and revising the several acts relating to Free Schools in the city of Minneapolis.

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

SECTION 1. The "Board of Education of the city of Minneapolis," is hereby continued a body corporate, subject to all liabilities and obligations heretofore assumed by said board, and shall continue to hold, possess and enjoy all property real, personal and mixed now belonging thereto, shall also have, possess and enjoy such rights, powers, privileges, immunities and franchises as are specified in this act.

Board of Education continued a body corporate.

SEC. 2. Said board shall consist of four members to be denominated school directors, two of whom shall be chosen at each annual election to be held under this act, and at the time and place and in the manner herein provided, and by and from the qualified voters of the district mentioned in section four of this act, the regular term of office of each of the directors so chosen, shall commence on the Wednesday of the week next succeeding the week in which the annual election in any year is held, and shall continue for the period of two years, and until his successor is elected and qualified, on such Wednesday in each year there shall be an annual meeting of the school directors composing such board, at the now central school house in said city and district, at which time they shall choose one of their number as president of said board for the year next ensuing, and shall also at the same time choose some suitable person as secretary and treasurer thereof, for the same period. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of any director, it shall be filled until the next annual election by the remaining members of said board, when if the vacancy occurs in the first year of the term of said officer, the electors shall choose another to fill the remainder of said term.

Number members—term of office—annual election of officers—vacancy, how filled.

To remain in office during their respective terms.

SEC. 3. The present members of said board shall remain school directors for the respective terms for which they were respectively elected, and until the election and qualification of their respective successors in office to be elected at the next annual election after the expiration of such their present terms.

What to constitute said school district.

SEC. 4. All that part of the county of Hennepin included within the boundaries of the city of Minneapolis shall continue to constitute one school district, and all public schools now or hereafter organized within said limits shall be and remain under the direction and control of said "board of education of the city of Minneapolis," and shall be public and free to all the children of said district between the ages of five and twenty-one years, subject however to all the regulations and restrictions made from time to time by said board.

Directors elected annually—how election conducted—who to be judges of election.

SEC. 5. The annual election of school directors shall take place at such place in said city as may be designated by said board, on the first Tuesday of July in each year, except when such day happens to be the fourth day of such month, in which case such election shall be held on the day next succeeding. Notice of such election and of all elections authorized to be held by this act, shall be given by the secretary and treasurer of said board of education, in the manner and for the length of time required in respect to city elections in said city. All elections held under the provisions of this act shall be by ballot and held and conducted by the school directors, or any three of them, of such district, who shall be the judges of election, with power to appoint clerks of election and to administer the necessary oaths, and to discharge the duties pertaining to judges of election under state laws, and shall be conducted as near as may be as city elections are conducted and held, save that the returns of such elections shall be made to the secretary and treasurer of said board of education, and by him placed on file.

Secretary and Treasurer to give bonds—duties of.

SEC. 6. Said secretary and treasurer shall, prior to entering upon the duties of his office, execute and deliver to said board of education, a bond conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office and in such sum and with such surety or sureties as shall be approved by said board. He shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the board, in a book provided for that purpose, file and preserve all documents and papers belonging to the board and under their directions and subject to their

order at all times, receive, take charge of, and pay out all moneys belonging to said district, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the by-laws of said board.

SEC. 7. The corporate name of said board shall be and remain the "board of education of the city of Minneapolis," and by that name it shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, making and entering into contracts, and of taking, holding, enjoying and controlling all such real and personal property as may belong to said district or may be needed for the schools therein, and to sell, grant and convey the same as it may deem best for the interests of said district. It shall also be entitled to demand and receive for the use of said school district all public moneys apportioned and appropriated or raised by taxation or otherwise, for the use of the schools in said district and to use the same for their maintenance and support as they may deem best, and it shall have the power to hire all necessary school houses or rooms, to purchase all school sites and erect school houses thereon as are needed by said district, to make by-laws for their own government, fixing the times and place of meeting of the board and ordinances relative to taking the census of all the children in said district between the ages of five and twenty-one years, to the making all necessary reports and transmitting the same to the proper officers so that said district may receive its just proportion of school moneys; also relative to the visitation by the board of the schools, to the length of time the school shall be kept in each year, of which none shall be less than three months in any year, to the employment, examination and qualification of teachers, their powers and duties, and to make such further rules and regulations, concerning the course of instruction, discipline and good management of the schools in said district, the books to be used therein, and all other matters pertaining to the welfare thereof as they may deem best. *Provided*, That no rule nor regulation shall be adopted inconsistent with the laws of this state upon the subject of the introduction into public schools of matters of a sectarian and religious character. Said board shall provide itself with a corporate seal, to be used in authenticating its contracts. Three of its members shall constitute a quorum for doing all business and in the absence of the president, one may be chosen to act pro tempore.

Corporate name
—Powers of
said Board.

To publish annual statement—what to contain.

SEC. 8. Said board shall annually in the month of July, publish in some newspaper in the city of Minneapolis, a statement showing the number of schools in said district, the number of pupils respectively instructed therein during the year, the several branches of education pursued by them, and also containing an exhibit of the expenditures made during the year, and the objects for which made, and a full summary of the financial condition of said district.

May borrow money—in what sums and at what rate of interest—submitted to voters.

SEC. 9. For the purpose of purchasing school sites and erecting school houses when deemed necessary, said board is authorized and empowered to borrow on the credit of said district, a sum not exceeding in any one year, the aggregate sum of twelve thousand dollars, and at a rate of interest not exceeding ten per cent. per annum, and to issue coupon bonds therefor, in such sums and on such time as may seem best. *Provided however*, That no indebtedness shall be contracted under this section prior to the submission of a proposition fully stating the amount and object of the same, to the legal voters of said district, at an election called by the board for that purpose, and under such regulations as it may prescribe, and the approval thereof by a majority of the votes cast at such election.

To levy an annual tax for school purposes—in what sum.

SEC. 10. Said board is hereby authorized and empowered to levy upon the taxable property in said district, in each year, such sum or sums as may be required for school purposes of every character in said district, to provide for the punctual payment of the indebtedness of said district, *Provided however*, That the aggregate amount thereof shall not exceed in any one year fifteen mills on a dollar of the assessed valuation of property in said district for such year. *And provided further*, That said board may appropriate out of such yearly tax, a sum not exceeding one tenth of a mill on a dollar, of such valuation to the purposes of a school district library, to be under their exclusive control. It shall be the duty of such board, to make return of such its annual levy of taxes on or before the first day of September in each year, to the county auditor of said Hennepin county, and such taxes shall be collected and the payment thereof enforced with and in like manner as state and county taxes, and the same when and as fast as collected, shall be paid over to said board of education or on its order.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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