

CHAPTER XVII.

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to amend the Charter of the City of Winona."

Feb'y 27, 1869.

- SECTION 1. Amendment to Section four (4) of Chapter II of the act approved March 1, 1867. Term of office—power of the Council to expel for cause.
2. When act to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. That section four, of chapter II, of the act entitled "An act to amend the charter of the city of Winona," approved March first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, be amended to read as follows :

Sec. 4. All officers of the city, elected or appointed, shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year, or until their successors are elected or appointed, except the aldermen and justices of the peace, who shall severally hold their respective offices for two years. *Provided*, That the city council shall have power to expel any of their members, and remove from office any officer of the city by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the city council. But no officer, elected by the people, shall be so expelled or removed except for due cause, nor unless furnished with or notified of the charges in writing, nor until such officer shall have had a reasonable opportunity to be heard in his defense. And the city council shall have the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers necessary for trial, and shall proceed within ten days to hear and determine the case. And if such officer neglect to appear and answer to such charges, the city council may declare the office vacant. Any officer may be suspended until the disposition of charges, when preferred.

Term of office—
council to expel
for cause.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to
take effect.

Approved February 27, 1869.