

parish meeting called for that purpose, nor in contravention of the canons of the diocese or of the canons of the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States.

Annual meetings.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting of said corporation shall be holden at the parish church, if any, and if not, at their usual place of worship on Easter Monday of each year, at which time church wardens and vestrymen shall be elected in the manner, and by electors having the qualifications which are or may be prescribed by the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church of said diocese, and who shall hold their respective offices until the next succeeding Easter Monday, and until their successors are elected.

SEC. 5. The rector of said parish shall, ex-officio, be a member, and when present, the presiding officer of the vestry, and entitled to a vote in all the meetings thereof. Such meetings may be called by the rector at his discretion, or by either of the wardens at the request of a majority of the vestrymen, three (3) days' notice in writing having been given to each member of the vestry.

Section 90, title 4, chapter 34, General Statutes, repealed.

SEC. 6. That section ninety (90) of title four (4) of chapter thirty-four (34) of the general statutes, be and the same is hereby repealed. *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as repealing chapter thirty-four (34) of the Session Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six (1876).

SEC. 7. Section four (4) of this act shall be applicable to and hereafter in the particulars enumerated in that section shall govern all parishes in the Protestant Episcopal Church heretofore incorporated under the laws of this State.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 31, 1877.

CHAPTER 82.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADJUSTMENT AND PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT STATE TAXES.

WHEREAS, the books and accounts in the office of the State Auditor show that large sums of money are due the State from the several counties therein, for and on account of unpaid State taxes levied and assessed in such coun-

ties for the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three (1873), and prior years; and

WHEREAS, a portion of such apparent indebtedness is disputed by certain of such counties; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the State require that the true amount of all such indebtedness should be ascertained, adjusted and paid, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of each and every county auditor in this State, on or before the first Monday, in September, in the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877), to attend at the office of the State Auditor, and then and there, with said State Auditor, ascertain and adjust the amount due the State of Minnesota, from the county represented, by such auditor, for and on account of the indebtedness mentioned in the preamble of this act. *Provided*, that if such amount can, on or before the first (1st) day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877), be ascertained by such State and county auditors, without the presence of such county auditor at the office of the State Auditor, then and in that case such county auditor shall not be required to attend at the office of the State Auditor.

Delinquent
State taxes—
how adjusted.

SEC. 2. When the amount of such indebtedness is so ascertained and adjusted, the State Auditor shall deduct from the amount so ascertained twenty-five (25) per centum thereof; the balance remaining after such deduction shall be deemed the true amount due the State from such county, for and on account of such indebtedness aforesaid. In each of the years A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877) and one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), the State Auditor shall levy and assess upon, and certify to the county auditor of such county, a tax upon the taxable property of such county sufficient in each of said years to pay one-half of the amount of such indebtedness.

County levy
for taxes due
the State.

SEC. 3. Should any dispute arise between the State Auditor and any county auditor, in reference to any item or items of such apparent indebtedness, all matters so disputed shall be referred to the Attorney General of this State for determination, and his decision in the premises shall be final.

Disputes to be
referred to At-
torney-General

SEC. 4. Any county auditor who shall fail or neglect to comply with the provisions of section one (1) of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and im-

Neglect of
county audi-
tors—penalty

prisonment. And any county auditor so attending shall be entitled to the sum of three dollars (\$3) per day and actual traveling expenses, which amount shall be audited by the board of county commissioners, and paid out of the county treasury.

When act to
take effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 26, 1877.

CHAPTER 83.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSTING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AT THE POLLING PLACES IN THE SEVERAL ELECTION PRECINCTS OF THE STATE.

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

Proposed con-
stitutional
amendments
to be posted--
when.

SECTION 1. Whenever, hereafter, amendments to the constitution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection, it shall be the duty of the judges of election, in each election district of this State, before the opening of the polls on election day, to post up at the place of holding such election, so that the same can be seen and read, such proposed amendments.

SEC. 2. That said amendments shall be posted in the English language, and may be either printed or written, or partly printed and partly written.

SEC. 3. That any judge of election violating the provisions of this act, shall be subject to a fine of not exceeding five dollars (\$5) for each offense.

SEC. 4. That all justices of the peace shall have authority and may enforce the provisions of this act.

When act to
take effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 26, 1877.