

same persons as the votes for the elective officers of said city, and if such returns show that a majority of votes are "for prohibitory amendment," then this act shall take effect and be in force as a part of the charter of said city on and after the first (1st) day of May one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878.) *Provided*, if there are not ten days intervening between the passage of this act and the first annual meeting of said electors thereafter, then it shall be the duty of the city recorder of said city to give at least ten (10) days notice of a special meeting of said electors to be holden March twenty-first (21st), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), at some convenient place within the limits of said city, at which meeting said electors may settle the question of said amendment by vote as hereinbefore provided, and it shall be the duty of the proper officers to provide for the taking, canvassing and returning of said votes as in the case of votes for elective officers of said city, and if the returns of such special meeting show a majority of votes "for prohibitory amendment," then this act shall take effect as hereinbefore provided.

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

Approved February 27, 1878.

CHAPTER 56.

AN ACT TO AMEND CITY CHARTER OF PRESTON, FILLMORE COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

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

SECTION 1. That section four (4) of chapter five (5) of special laws of Minnesota, approved March fourth (4th), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one (1871) entitled an act to incorporate the village of Preston, be amended by striking out the word "May" in the second line of said section and inserting the word "April" in lieu thereof.

SEC. 2. That section thirteen (13) of chapter four (4) of said act be amended by adding thereto the following:

"All purchases of real estate by the village council of said village heretofore made are hereby legalized, and any conveyance of land heretofore or hereafter made to said village shall be deemed valid as vesting an absolute title to lands conveyed therein in said village, and shall be received in all courts in this State as evidence of such title.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1878.