

ity or quasi-municipality to appear before it at a time and place to be designated by said court and thereupon said court shall proceed to hear and determine the matter of the adjustment of such indebtedness and upon a final determination thereof shall make its findings of the amount and proportion of such indebtedness which each of such municipalities or quasi-municipalities shall pay and thereupon each of said municipalities or quasi-municipalities shall be responsible for the amount of such indebtedness adjudged for it to pay.

SEC. 7. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to apply to the indebtedness of any school district nor to the indebtedness of any municipality or quasi-municipality for which special provision has been or shall be made for its adjustment nor to any case in which the indebtedness of any dissevered municipality or quasi-municipality is barred by the statute of limitations at the time of the passage of this act.

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

Approved February 19th, 1895.

Limitation of
this act.

CHAPTER 252.

H. F. No. 673.

An act providing that any township composed of territory co-extensive and identical with the territory composing any village may be dissolved.

Township dis-
solution.

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

SECTION 1. Any township in this state composed of territory co-extensive and identical with the territory composing any village may be dissolved by a majority vote of the legal voters residing in the territory forming such township and village cast at any election held to determine such question, as hereinafter provided.

By vote—when
village absorbs
the territory.

SEC. 2. The legal voters residing in such territory shall vote upon and determine the question whether such township shall be dissolved, and it shall be the duty of the recorder of any such village, upon receiving a petition of ten (10) or more legal voters of such township and village, to give at least ten (10) days' notice that the question of dissolving such township will be submitted to the legal voters thereof at the next ensuing annual village election. Five (5) copies of such notice shall be posted in as many public places in such territory, and a copy of such notice shall also be served upon the town clerk of such township at least ten (10)

Election—
notice—ques-
tion submitted.

days before such election. Proof of the posting and service of such notices may be made by the affidavit of the person or persons posting and serving the same and shall be filed in the office of the recorder of such village, and shall be prima facie evidence of the fact of such posting and serving of such notices. The question shall be determined by ballots containing the words "in favor of dissolution," or "against dissolution," as the case may be. The votes upon such question shall be taken, canvassed, returned and announced in the same manner prescribed by law for taking, canvassing and announcing the votes for the election of village officers.

Special election

SEC. 3. A special village election may be held for the purpose of submitting such question to the legal voters of such territory. Whenever a petition requesting such special election for such purpose shall be filed in the office of the recorder of any such village, signed by at least twenty-five (25) per cent of the legal voters residing in such territory, as shown by the vote cast at the last annual village election preceding the filing of such petition, such recorder shall thereupon call a special election of the legal voters of such territory and shall post and serve notices thereof in like manner as provided in section two (2). Such special election shall be held not more than thirty (30) days nor less than twenty (20) days from the time of posting and serving such notices, and such election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof posted, returned and announced in the manner provided in section two (2) hereof.

Records.

SEC. 4. In case the returns show a majority of the votes cast at any such election on such question, shall be in favor of dissolution, said township shall be thereupon dissolved, and all of the property, moneys and things in action of said township shall be and become the property of such village, and, together with the records of such township, shall be delivered to the recorder of such village, who shall dispose of the same as directed by the village council of such village, and thereafter all taxes due or to become due to said township shall be paid to such village and thereupon such village shall be chargeable and liable for all of the just debts and liabilities of such township in the same manner and to the same extent as such township was theretofore liable.

Duties of village officers.

SEC. 5. The village council of any such village shall, in case of the dissolution of any such township, have power to elect an assessor, who shall have the power and perform the duties required of assessors elected by

townships under the general statutes, and who shall serve as such until the first meeting of the village council of such village occurring after the next annual election of village officers for such village, at which time such village council shall elect an assessor for the term of two (2) years, and thereafter the term of office of such assessor shall be two (2) years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Compensation of such assessor shall be fixed by the village council.

SEC. 6. The village council of any such village, after the dissolution of any such township, shall have, in addition to their other powers and duties, the powers and duties had and enjoyed by township supervisors, and the village recorder, president of the village council and assessor of such village shall constitute a board of equalization which shall meet at the time prescribed for meeting of town boards of review, and shall have the powers and duties given by general law to such town boards of review, and such village shall thereupon be and constitute one (1) election district for all purposes under the general laws of this state. Same,

SEC. 7. In case the returns show a majority of the votes cast at any such election were not cast in favor of dissolution, such question may not be voted upon within one (1) year from the time of such election. Negative vote.

SEC. 8. When the result of any such election shall be in favor of dissolution of any such township, the county auditor shall make report thereof to the secretary of state and shall thereafter pay all taxes due or to become due to such township over to such village. Taxes due.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 21st, 1895.

CHAPTER 253.

S. F. No. 136.

An act to authorize the organized towns of the state to issue bonds for the building of a fence along or near the boundary line of townships for the purpose of preventing the spreading of a weed commonly known as Russian thistle. Town bonds.

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

SECTION 1. Every organized township in this state is hereby authorized to vote and issue the bonds of such township at any annual, or special town meeting, called for that purpose, in such an amount as a majority of Bonds to fence out Russian thistles.