

H. F. No. 379.

CHAPTER 260.

Villages—separation from towns.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to allow villages to separate themselves from the township government of the town in which they are located," approved April first (1st), eighteen hundred and ninety-three (1893), and also to amend the title thereof.

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

SECTION 1. That the title to an act entitled "An act to allow villages to separate themselves from the township government of the town in which they are located," be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "An act to provide for the separation of villages from townships for all purposes."

SEC. 2. That section one (1) of an act entitled "An act to allow villages to separate themselves from the township government of the town in which they are located," approved April first (1st) eighteen hundred and ninety-three (1893) be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Amending former act of 1893.

Section one (1). The electors of any township in this state may at any annual or special township meeting held therein, determine as hereinafter provided for the complete separation of any village or borough situate therein from the township.

Whenever it is desired to submit such a proposition to the voters of a township notice thereof signed by at least fifty (50) electors of the township, whether residing within or without the village or borough to be separated, shall be filed with the town clerk. When any such notice is filed with the town clerk not less than twenty (20) days before the annual town meeting, he shall give notice thereof in the notice of such annual meeting; but where such notice is filed more than six (6) months before the annual town meeting, it shall be the duty of the town clerk to give notice of a special town meeting for the purpose of voting upon such proposition in the manner provided for calling special town meetings. If a majority of the votes cast at any such election upon such proposition be in favor thereof, the said village or borough from and after the determination of such result shall be separated for all purposes from the township; *provided*, that it shall be lawful for any township in which any such village or borough so to be separated is situated to hold its town meeting and election within the limits of such village or borough at a place to be designated therefor; but

no resident of such village or borough shall after such separation have the right to vote at any town meeting or election.

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

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CHAPTER 261.

H. F. No. 3.

An act authorizing incorporated villages to change their name and providing for such change.

Village.

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

SECTION 1. All incorporated villages of this state, whether incorporated under general or special laws, be and they are hereby authorized to change their respective corporate names in the manner herein provided.

May change name.

SEC. 2. When the inhabitants of any village desire to change its corporate name, a petition shall be presented to the village council therefor, which petition shall be signed by a number of the legal voters equal to a majority of all the votes cast at the preceding village election, asking that the question of changing the name thereof be submitted to a vote of the electors, such petition shall state the name which it is proposed to adopt, and be verified as to the qualifications of the petitioners.

May decide at an election.

SEC. 3. On receipt of such petition, the village council shall, by resolution, order that the question of changing the name of such incorporated village be submitted to a vote of the village electors, at the ensuing village election, and shall also state the time and place or places of holding the election and prescribe the form of the ballots to be used in voting for and against the same, and the name which is proposed to adopt; which resolution shall be entered upon the village records and shall also be published in a newspaper in said village at least ten days prior to the election, if there be one, if not, then posted in three public places for such time.

Petition.

SEC. 4. The ballots cast upon such proposition shall be duly canvassed by the judges of such election, and the result thereof certified to by them and returned to, and filed in the office of the village recorder, and if it shall appear from such canvass and certificate or certificates that such proposed change of name had been ratified by the electors, then, and in that case, the presi-

Ballots.