

ice shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of the county within twenty (20) days from the time of confirmation of said report or assessment, appeal from such assessment to the district court aforesaid, when such appeal shall be tried by the court and jury as in ordinary cases; but no pleadings shall be required, and the party appealing shall specify, in the notice of appeal, the grounds of objection to such assessment, and shall not be entitled to have any other objections than those specified considered, and a transcript of such report, certified by the city clerk, or the original thereof, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated, and that such assessment was regular and just, and made in conformity to law; the judgment of such court therein shall be final.

Such appeal shall be entered and brought on for trial and be governed by the same rules in all other respects as appeals from justices of the peace in civil suits.

Council may
make im-
provements.

SEC. 4. That the common council of any city in this state which shall have acquired sites for public docks for passenger purposes under the provisions of this chapter, may improve the same by the erection and maintenance thereon of suitable buildings and by the construction and maintenance thereon of suitable piers, and that such council may by ordinance provide for the regulation, control and operation of such docks, buildings and piers, and fix the charges for the use thereof.

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

Approved April 21, 1897.

H. F. No. 629.

CHAPTER 182.

Prevention
of cruelty.

An act authorizing counties, cities and villages to appropriate money for the support of societies for the prevention of cruelty.

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

May appro-
priate money
for societies.

SECTION 1. Whenever there exists in any county, city or village in the state of Minnesota a society for the prevention of cruelty, incorporated under chapter 224, general laws 1889, and acts amendatory thereof, the board of county commissioners of such county and the council of the city or village in which such society is located may, at their discretion, appropriate for the maintenance and support of such society in the prosecu-

tion of the work for which they are organized, any moneys not otherwise appropriated, not exceeding the sum of twelve hundred (1,200) dollars in any one year.

Provided, that no part of such appropriation shall be expended for the payment of the salary of any officer of such society.

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

Approved April 21, 1897.

CHAPTER 183.

H.F. No. 882.

An act authorizing the placing of the national flag over every voting place on general election and registration days.

National flag over voting places.

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

SECTION 1. That the common councils, boards of aldermen of the cities and villages, and the township boards of supervisors are hereby authorized and directed to place and display the national flag on suitable staff over every voting place on general election and registration days for township, village, city, county, state and national elections and maintain them during every hour of such days of voting and registration.

Must display flag on election and registration days.

SEC. 2. That such common councils, boards of aldermen and township boards of supervisors are authorized and directed to provide the expense of such flags and the erecting, maintaining and care of the same, such expense to be included in and be a part of the general election expenses.

SEC. 3. The judges of election are hereby designated to see that the flag is so placed, displayed and maintained over their respective voting places during the hours and days of registration and voting.

Any willful failure on their part to so place, display and maintain the flag on such days or any of them, shall thereby cause a forfeiture of the moneys to be paid the judges of election at such voting place for their services on such day. The judges of each of such elections shall make a statement to accompany the election returns as to the number of days the flag was placed, displayed and maintained during the registration and voting of such election.

Penalty for judges.