

S. F. No. 539.

CHAPTER 281.

Authorizing
villages to
change their
names.

An act amending an act entitled "An act authorizing incorporated villages to change their names, . . . providing for such change," being chapter two hundred and sixty-one (261) of the general laws of the State of Minnesota of the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (1895.)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota

Amendment.

SECTION 1. That an act entitled "An act authorizing incorporated villages to change their names, and providing for such change," being chapter two hundred and sixty-one (261) of the general laws of the state of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (1895), be amended as follows: That the title of said act be amended so as to read as follows: "An act authorizing incorporated villages and cities to change their names, and providing for such change."

Any incorpo-
rated village,
or city with
less than
15,000 popu-
lation.

SEC. 2. That section one (1) of said act be amended so as to read as follows: "Any incorporated village of this state or any incorporated city which had less than fifteen thousand inhabitants according to the last state or national census prior to the presentation of the petition hereinafter provided for, whether incorporated under a general or special law, is hereby authorized to change its corporate name in the manner herein provided."

Number vot-
ers required
to petition
for change of
name.

SEC. 3. Section two (2) of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "When the inhabitants of any village or city desire to change its corporate name, a petition shall be presented to the village or city council therefor, which petition shall be signed by a number of the legal voters equal to a majority of all the votes cast at preceding village or city 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."

Submitted to
vote at ensu-
ing village or
city election.

SEC. 4. Section three (3) of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "On receipt of such petition the village or city council shall, by resolution, order that the question of changing the name of such incorporated village or city be submitted to a vote of the village or city electors at the ensuing village or city 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 it is proposed to adopt; which resolution shall be entered upon the village or city records, and shall also be published in a newspaper in said village or city at least ten (10) days prior to the election, if there be one; if not, then posted in three public places for such time. And if no regular village or city election is to be held within thirty (30) days after the time when such petition may be presented, then a special election for such purpose shall be called which shall be conducted as other elections are conducted, of which a notice provided in this section shall be sufficient notice."

Notice of election to be published.

SEC. 5. Section four (4) of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "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 or city clerk; 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 president of such village or city council and the village recorder or city clerk shall make a further certificate under their official hand and seal, certifying therein that such change had been duly petitioned for, that the same had been submitted to the electors of such village or city, the date of such election, the form of the ballots used, the proposed name and the number of ballots for and against such proposition, which certificate shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which said village is located."

Village recorder or city clerk to certify petition and election with register of deeds of county.

SEC. 6. Section five (5) of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "From and after the recording of such certificate in the office of the register of deeds aforesaid such village or city shall be designated and known by the adopted name, and all rights, benefits and privileges shall inure to said village or city under the adopted name, and all debts, suits, obligations and liabilities against such village shall have the same force and effect as before the change."

Change of name effective upon recording certificate.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 23, 1897.