

In all cases where extension of the time of payment of assessments or installments shall be granted, the extension shall be for a period of not to exceed five (5) years, either from the date when said assessment or installment shall have become due, or from the date of granting said application, as said common council shall determine, anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

H. F. No. 790.

CHAPTER 295.

Act for establishing parks repealed.

An act to repeal chapter two hundred and seventy-eight (278) of the general laws of the State of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895), relating to the establishing of parks.

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

SECTION 1. That chapter two hundred and seventy-eight (278) of the general laws of the state of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895) be and the same is hereby repealed.

Provided, however, that all purchases, grants and contracts heretofore made by any board of county commissioners of this state under the provisions of said chapter shall be and remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected in any manner by the repeal of said chapter.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

H. F. No. 798.

CHAPTER 296.

Authorizing use of automatic voting machines.

An act to enable counties, to towns, cities and villages of this state to use automatic ballot (voting) machines at all elections therein.

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of any county within this state may, at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provide for the use of automatic ballot machines in such counties at all general elections held therein; and it shall be lawful for the common council of any city, or the board of trustees of any incorporated village within this state by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote, to determine upon the use of automatic ballot machines at all general elections to be held within such city or incorporated village; and thereupon such ballot machine shall be used for the purpose of voting for all public officers, to be elected by the voters of such county, city or village, or any part thereof, and upon all constitutional amendments or propositions or questions which may lawfully be submitted to such voters, and for registering and counting the ballots cast at such elections.

County commissioners, city councils and village trustees may provide for use of voting machines.

But nothing in this act contained shall be construed as compelling the use of any ballot machines at any elections of school officers in any city or village, at which no other public officer is to be elected.

Use of machines not compulsory in election of school officers.

Provided, however, that no automatic ballot machine shall be adopted or used within this state, at any election held for the purpose of electing any public officer, unless such ballot machine is so constructed and operated as to insure the absolute secrecy of each voter's ballot, and provided with mechanism which will automatically keep an accurate numerical register and count of all the votes cast at any election wherein such machine may be used, and which will also conceal and keep from view the number of votes cast for any and all candidates balloted for, from the opening of the polls to the closing thereof.

Requirements for voting machines.

SEC. 2. In case any county, city or incorporated village within this state shall, through its proper officers, determine upon the use of any such ballot machines, to be used at any general election occurring therein before the time of holding the session of the legislature of this state next succeeding, viz., in the year A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety-nine (1899), it shall be the duty of the chairman or presiding officer of said board of county commissioners, common council or village trustees to call a meeting of such boards or common council, not less than ninety (90) days preceding such election, for the purpose of prescribing and making, and it shall be the duty of such boards or common council to prescribe, make and publish, at the same time and in the same manner as under the existing laws election notices are published, suitable rules and regulations for the use of such automatic ballot machines for any general election

Officials to make and publish rules for using voting machines 90 days prior to an election.

held between the date of this act and the first day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety-nine (1899); such rules and regulations so prescribed by said boards or common council shall be submitted to and approved by the attorney general of this state before they are published and carried into effect.

Election officers when voting machines are used.

SEC. 3. No ballot clerks shall be employed in any county, city or village election district wherein automatic voting machines are used at any election; and no more than three (3) judges of election shall be appointed or employed for a compensation, in any town, village or city precinct wherein such ballot machines are used at any election, and no other person or persons shall be authorized to act in any capacity as election officers in such election precinct.

SEC. 4. All election officers are hereby charged with the proper carrying out of the necessary regulations prescribed for the use of any automatic ballot machines provided in their respective town, village or city precinct.

Existing election laws to remain in effect.

SEC. 5. All laws and parts of laws now in force within this state which relate to state, county, city and village elections and defining the powers and duties of election officers so far as applicable to the use of automatic voting machines, shall remain in full force and effect; and nothing in this act contained shall be construed as repealing any existing law, or authorizing any deviation or omission therefrom, except as expressly provided for and set forth herein.

Violation of provisions of this act a misdemeanor.

SEC. 6. Any violation of the provisions of this act or any willful attempt to injure or render ineffectual any such automatic ballot machine, provided in accordance with the provisions of this act, shall be deemed a misdemeanor.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

H. P. No. 404.

CHAPTER 297.

\$600 appropriated for relief of Henry Dillery.

An act for the relief of Henry Dillery, and to appropriate money therefor.

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of six hundred (600) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any