

## CHAPTER 68.

H. F. No. 431.

*An act authorizing and empowering cities in this state having more than 50,000 inhabitants to contract for the purchase of electric power with which to operate their public water works.*

Authorizing certain cities to operate their water works.

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

SECTION 1. Any city in this state having more than 50,000 inhabitants, is hereby authorized and empowered, from time to time, to contract with any person, partnership, or corporation for the purchase of electric power, with which to operate the whole or any part of its public water works. Any such contract may be made for a term of years, not exceeding ten years.

Cities of over 50,000 inhabitants.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved March 22, 1897.

## CHAPTER 69.

H. F. No. 285

*An act to amend chapter one hundred and seventy (170) of the general laws of Minnesota for eighteen hundred and eighty-five (1885), relating to the dissolution of independent school districts.*

Dissolution of independent school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and seventy (170) of the general laws of Minnesota for eighteen hundred and eighty-five (1885), being an act to empower independent school districts organized under chapter thirty-six (36), general statutes one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), to dissolve the organization by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the qualified electors of the same, be and the same hereby is amended by adding three (3) sections thereto so that when said chapter is so amended it shall read as follows:

Amendment.

Section 1. That any independent school district organized under chapter thirty-six (36) of the general statutes one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), or under any special law of this state, may dissolve its organization at any election held in such

Dissolution by  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote.

district in the manner as nearly as may be as elections are held under said chapter for the purpose of organizing such independent school districts; *provided*, that such school district shall only be dissolved when two-thirds (2-3) of the legal voters voting at any such election shall cast their ballots in favor of dissolving the same.

Form of  
ballots.

SEC. 2. At any election held for the purpose of dissolving any such school district the electors in favor thereof may deposit ballots worded thus, "Dissolving independent school district, yes," and those opposed thereto may deposit ballots worded thus, "Dissolving independent school district, no."

Application  
of funds by  
county  
treasurer.

SEC. 3. All taxes and assessments which are actually collected on account of a dissolved independent school district shall be paid and applied by the county treasurer in payment of all and any indebtedness incurred by the board of education of such dissolved district remaining unpaid after the moneys in the hands of the treasurer of such district have been so applied and exhausted. Such payment shall be made on orders by the clerk of such board of education and approved by the president thereof, which shall be filed with the county auditor, and warrants thereon issued by the latter on the county treasurer. Such board of education and officers shall continue to exercise their functions, and administer the affairs of such district for the purpose of this section, until all such indebtedness is paid, or the taxes and assessments actually collected and received by the county treasurer are exhausted.

Surplus to be  
paid treasurer  
of school dis-  
trict in such  
territory.

SEC. 4. Any surplus so as aforesaid collected and received by the county treasurer, remaining in his hands after such indebtedness provided for by the last section has all been paid, or after the time limited therefor has expired, shall be paid by the county treasurer to the treasurer of the school district in which the territory of the dissolved independent district shall be incorporated.

It territory  
divided, sur-  
plus to be  
divided.

And in case such territory shall be divided between two or more districts, then such surplus shall be distributed and paid to the treasurers of each of such two or more respective districts in proportion to the amount of such taxes and assessments originally contributed from the territory of said several districts respectively.

SEC. 5. All the foregoing provisions shall extend to cases of dissolution occurring before, as well as after, the passage of this act.

Limit of time  
for presenting  
orders.

*Provided*, however, that all such orders shall be presented to the county auditor within two (2) years after the dissolution of such district, in the case of independent school districts hereafter dissolved; and within two

(2) years after the passage of this act, in the case of districts which have been heretofore dissolved.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 24, 1897.

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## CHAPTER 70.

H. F. No. 251.

*An act providing for the payment of legal services performed for the State of Minnesota by W. M. Jones.*

Appropriation for W. M. Jones for legal services

Whereas, in 1891, an action was pending in the district court of Ramsey county, involving the title to a valuable tract of property in West St. Paul.

And, whereas, in said action, the state of Minnesota claimed the title to said property, and owing to the volume of business then in the attorney general's office, the attorney general and governor believed that it was to the interest and advantage of the state of Minnesota to have special counsel in said cause, and thereupon employed W. M. Jones, then a member of the Ramsey county bar; and the said W. M. Jones did and performed services in the trial of said cause in the district court, and upon the appeal of said cause to the supreme court of this state.

And, whereas, the legislature of this state, in the session of 1895, appropriated one thousand (1,000) dollars to the said W. M. Jones as compensation for such services, but by some mistake, error or inadvertance in the enrollment of the bill, said appropriation never became effectual;

Therefore, be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury of said state not otherwise appropriated, to W. M. Jones as compensation for services performed in the district and supreme courts of this state, in the case entitled Uri L. Lamprey et al. vs. State of Minnesota et al.; and that a warrant in favor of said W. M. Jones be drawn by the proper officers of the state of Minnesota and delivered to him for payment.

\$250 appropriated.

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

Approved March 24, 1897.