

CHAPTER 196.

S. F. No. 209.

An act to provide for the redistricting of wards in villages having ward divisions.

Wards in villages.

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

SECTION 1. That any village in this state which is now divided into two or more wards, and the ward limits of which have not been changed and corrected for a period of at least fifteen years last past, shall in the manner hereinafter provided, be redistricted into wards.

SEC. 2. That whenever a petition signed by at least ten legal voters and freeholders of each ward of any village coming under the classification made in section one (1) of this act shall be presented to the judge, or one of the judges, of the district court of the judicial district wherein such village is situated, asking that such village be redistricted into wards, it shall be the duty of such judge to forthwith appoint nine legal voters who are freeholders of such village, to be apportioned from each ward of such village in proportion to the population of such wards, and who are not connected with the village government of such village and as commissioners, whose duty it shall be to redistrict such village. And the said judge shall thereupon and directly after making such appointments, cause his order, wherein he made the said appointment, and all papers had before him in said matter, to be filed with the clerk of the district court in the county wherein such village is situated. The said papers to be entered by such clerk and treated as any other action pending in said court.

Petition to district court.

SEC. 3. Immediately upon the filing of the papers, as set forth in section two of this act, the clerk shall issue his notice to the said so appointed commissioners, and therein designate the time and place of the first meeting of the said commissioners.

SEC. 4. Before entering upon their duties the said commissioners shall take and subscribe an oath to faithfully perform their duties as such commissioners. They shall then proceed and shall redistrict such village into "three or four" wards, as to them shall appear proper, without regard to the number of wards theretofore existing in the distribution of village officers then in office, but no redistricting shall be had nor a final report of their action made, unless at least a majority of the said commissioners participate therein, in which case it shall be taken as the acts of the said commissioners.

Duties of commissioners.

SEC. 5. When the said commissioners shall have completed their work of redistricting such village, they shall make their report in writing to the judge who appointed them.

Report to
district
court.

Said report shall forthwith be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court, and thereupon the said clerk of the district court shall cause said report to be published in a newspaper printed in the English language in any such village, and if there is no such newspaper printed in such village he shall cause such report to be published in any newspaper printed in the English language in the county within which such village is situated, and said matter shall be placed upon the calendar of such court for a hearing at the next general term of such court held after the filing and publishing of such report.

Hearing
by court.

Any person or persons interested in such report and the divisions of such village into wards thereunder, may appear at such term of the district court and be heard for or in opposition thereto; said matter of such division shall be tried by the judge of such court, the same as civil actions are now tried, and if it appears to said court that such divisions should be made he shall make an order confirming such report and directing judgment in accordance therewith, and file the same with the clerk of the district court, who shall thereupon enter judgment as directed in said order. Upon judgment being rendered and entered in accordance with the order of said court, the wards of any such village shall be changed in accordance therewith. If it appears to the court that such division is not just or equitable, he shall make an order rejecting such reports. Each of such new wards shall have the same number of officers as were provided for each ward in any such village prior thereto. The clerk entering such judgment shall forthwith make and forward to the village recorder of such village a certified copy of such report and judgment, and the village recorder shall record the same in his office.

Special and
regular
elections.

SEC. 6. If such redistricting of any village is had sixty days, or less than sixty days, prior to the annual village election of such village, then no special election on account thereof shall be had, but the officers holding shall continue until the end of their terms, at which time a full set of officers as required shall be chosen. If the redistricting of such village occurs more than sixty days prior to the annual or charter election therein, then the village council shall cause a special election to be held in all the wards where vacancies in office occurs within twenty

days after the filing of the copy of the reports and judgment with the village recorder of such village; *provided, however*, that if by the redistricting of such village any ward thereby secures more than its legal number of officers, the said officers shall continue in service to the expiration of their terms, but serving as the officers of the ward which elected them.

SEC. 7. No compensation shall be paid to the said commissioners except such as may be ordered by the court at the time of approving their report, and all such compensation, and all fees and costs that may be incurred shall be paid by the village so redistricted.

Compensation.

SEC. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 10th, 1901.

CHAPTER 197.

S. F. No. 226

An act relating to deeds for the conveyance of real estate.

Deeds of conveyance.

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

SECTION 1. Deeds for the conveyance of real estate may be substantially in the following form:

The grantor (here insert name or names of the grantor or grantors, and place of residence), for and in consideration of (here insert consideration) in hand paid, conveys and warrants to (here insert the name or names of the grantee or grantees) the following described real estate (here insert description), situate in the County of.
 in the State of Minnesota.

Form.

Dated this day of A. D.

Every deed in substance in the above form, when otherwise fully executed, shall be deemed and held a conveyance in fee simple, to the grantee, his heirs and assigns, with covenants on the part of the grantor, (1) that at the time of making and delivery of such deed he was lawfully seized of an indefeasible estate in fee simple, in and to the premises therein described, and had good right and full power to convey the same; (2) that the same were then free from all encumbrances; and (3) that he warrants to the grantee, his heirs and assigns, the quiet and peaceable possession of such premises, and will defend the title thereto against all persons who may lawfully

In fee simple.