

CHAPTER 303.

S. F. No. 535.

An act to authorize the appointment of a board of park commissioners in all cities in this state having a population of ten thousand or less, and defining the duties of such board.

Cities with
10,000 popu-
lation.

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

SECTION 1. The city council of all cities of this state having a population of ten thousand (10,000) or less, shall have authority to provide for a board of park commissioners, which board shall consist of as many members as there are wards in said city, one of whom shall be elected from each ward in such city, and who shall hold their office for the term of two years, except that at the first election after such board is authorized the members elected from the odd numbered wards of such cities shall hold their offices for the term of one year.

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SEC. 2. Such board of park commissioners shall have the charge, management, care and control of all public parks in said city, and shall perform such duties in relation thereto as the city council of said city may from time to time prescribe.

Powers of.

SEC. 3. The city council of such city shall have power upon the application of said board of park commissioners to acquire all necessary lands for park purposes either by purchase or condemnation, and in case it shall be deemed necessary to take private property for any of the purposes herein stated, and the city council is unable to agree with the owner or owners of such property as to the value thereof the said city council may proceed to condemn such property in the same manner as is now provided by law for the condemnation of property in the laying out, opening and widening of public streets, highways and alleys. *Provided:* That no city council or other governing municipal body, shall have power to acquire by condemnation for park purposes, under the provisions of this act, any portion of any public or private cemetery.

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quire land.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 13th, 1901.