

CHAPTER 323.

H. F. No. 351.

An act to amend section four (4) of chapter three hundred and fifty-one (351) of the General Laws of 1899 relating to city charters and providing that any city may frame its own charter for its government as a city.

Amendment
City char-
ters.

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

SECTION 1. That section four (4) of chapter three hundred and fifty-one (351) of the Laws of Minnesota of the year 1899 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. Upon the draft of such charter being returned to such chief magistrate as aforesaid, the law-making authorities of such city or village, as the case may be, shall forthwith make suitable provision for submitting to the qualified voters of such city or village the question of the adoption of such charter.

Submission
of charter
to vote of
people.

Such question may be submitted at either a general or special election, and whether such election be general or special, it shall be conducted in all respects in the manner provided for general or special elections by the general laws of this state. And upon the presentation to the council or other law-making body of said city or village of a petition requesting such action, and signed by at least as many of the legal voters of such city or village as equals five (5) per cent of said voters according to the returns of the next preceding election in such city or village, such council or law-making body may if two-thirds of the members of said council or other law-making body so vote call a special election for the purpose of submitting such question. The ballot to be used at such election shall have printed upon it this question, "Shall the proposed new charter of the city (or village) of be ratified?" following and to the right of such question shall be printed or written the words "Yes" or "No." The voter shall indicate his choice by an "X" marked to the right of the "Yes" or "No," according as he is in favor or opposed to the ratification of such charter.

Form of
ballot.

In the event of any alternate section or article being presented for the choice of the voters, any form of ballot may be used which will clearly indicate the choice of the persons voting such ballot between such alternate sections or articles.

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

Approved April 13th, 1901.