

qualified electors resident therein at an election called for that purpose as hereinafter set forth.

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

Approved March 11, 1902.

CHAPTER 54.

H. F. No. 15.

An act to legalize the incorporation of certain cities containing ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants or less and granting powers thereto.

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der 10,000.

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

SECTION 1. In all cases where more than two-thirds (2-3) of the legal voters residing within the limits of any village and territory adjacent thereto, in this State, containing ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants or less, have petitioned the judge of probate of the county in which said territory is situated, setting forth therein the metes and bounds of said proposed city and the several wards thereof, and praying that the same may be incorporated under a name therein designated, and where such judge of probate has heretofore issued an order declaring such territory duly incorporated as a city and designated therein the metes, bounds, wards and name of such city, and also in said order designated the time and place of holding the first election of the officers of said city, and where at the time and place fixed in such order an election of the officers of such city was duly had, the result thereof declared, and where such city and the officers thereof have at all times since exercised all the powers and functions incident to an organized city government, such city is hereby declared to be duly organized and incorporated, and all acts of the officers thereof are hereby legalized and validated, and such city shall be deemed to be organized under and pursuant to the terms of Chapter thirty-one (31) of the General Laws of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy (1870), as amended, and controlled by the provisions of said act and laws amendatory thereof.

SEC. 2. Said cities shall become liable for and pay all the debts of the villages, the territory of which was included within the limits of said cities, and the legal title to all the property of said villages shall vest in and become the property of the respective cities so incorporated.

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SEC. 3. Any city so incorporated or attempted to be incorporated, may, by a majority vote of the city council thereof, at any general or special meeting of such council, adopt the provisions of Chapter Eight (8) of the General Laws for the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-five (1895), and upon adopting said Chapter Eight (8), by resolution, ordinance or otherwise, in the manner aforesaid, and filing or causing to be filed a duly certified copy of said resolution or ordinance, with the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, said city shall be deemed to be organized under and pursuant to said Chapter Eight (8) of the General Laws of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-five (1895), and shall have all the powers and be subject to all the liabilities and limitations imposed by said act, and at the next regular city election thereafter to be held in said city, the officers thereof shall conform to the provisions and be elected in the manner provided by said act. All officers heretofore elected or which may hereafter be elected, in any city prior to the adopting of such resolution or ordinance, shall continue in office until such election.

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

Approved March 10, 1902.

S. F. No. 20.

CHAPTER 55.

Villages,
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An act to legalize certain incorporations of villages under chapter one hundred and forty-five (145) of the General Laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five (1885) and the several acts amendatory thereof.

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

SECTION 1. That in all cases where there has been heretofore an attempted formation and organization of a village under the provisions of chapter one hundred and forty-five (145) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five (1885), and the several acts amendatory thereof, and the petition, copy of notice of election and certificate of inspectors of election filed in the office of the register of deeds of the proper county, and said village has in fact proceeded to act as an incorporated village, and transact and carry on business as such village, in the