

upon such proposed amendment shall place a cross mark, thus, "X," in a space to be left on the ballot opposite the words "yes" and "no," according as he may wish to vote for or against said amendment, and his vote shall be counted in accordance with the expressed will of such elector, as provided by the election laws of this state.

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

Approved April 13, 1905.

H. F. No. 63.

CHAPTER 169.

An act legalizing and confirming village ordinances, in counties now or hereafter containing two hundred and twenty-five thousand (225,000) inhabitants and over, contracts and grants of franchise for water works, gas, electric light, heat and power plants in certain cases.

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

Legalizing village ordinances in counties of 225,000 inhabitants and over.

SECTION 1. That in all cases where any incorporated village in counties now or hereafter containing two hundred and twenty-five thousand (225,000) inhabitants and over in this state, whether incorporated under general or special laws, has heretofore adopted an ordinance or ordinances purporting to grant the right to any person, persons or corporation, to construct, operate and maintain in such village, water works, gas, electric light or heating plants, or either of them, and in all cases where any such village by such ordinance or ordinances or by an agreement or agreements in writing, has heretofore undertaken or attempted, among other things, to contract with such person, persons or corporation, or their assigns, for the furnishing of water, gas, electric light, heat, or power, or either of them, to such village, or the inhabitants thereof, and any such person, persons or corporation, or their assigns, has expended money in the construction and maintenance of said water works, or gas, electric light or heating plant, or either of them, and is now furnishing such village and its inhabitants with water, gas, electric light, heat or power, or either of them, such grant and contract are hereby in all things ratified, legalized and confirmed.

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

Approved April 13, 1905.