

CHAPTER 213.

H. F. No. 583.

Condemnation proceedings.

An act entitled an act to authorize cities having a population of more than fifty thousand to acquire by condemnation proceedings, under the right of eminent domain, land or lands covered by water, or an easement therein for or to be used as slips or waterways open or to be opened as public highways into or connecting with public navigable waters, in this state, other than rivers within or adjacent to such city, and authorizing the assessment of benefits resulting therefrom.

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

Cities of over 50,000.

SECTION 1. Each city in this state having at any time a population of over 50,000, according to the census then last taken, is hereby empowered to acquire by proceedings in condemnation, under the right of eminent domain, any land or lands covered with water or an easement therein, connecting with or adjacent to public navigable waters, other than rivers, within or adjacent to such city, wheresoever situated within the limits of such city, which shall be declared by the city council by resolution necessary to be taken, damaged, injured or destroyed for the purpose of laying out, opening, making, deepening, widening or otherwise improving a slip or other waterway into or connecting with such public navigable waters.

SEC. 2. Whenever any land or lands covered with water, or an easement therein shall be acquired by any city, pursuant to the provisions of this act, such land shall thereafter be held as and for a public water highway for travel by and the accommodations and passage of boats, steamships, vessels and water craft of all kinds.

Proceedings.

SEC. 3. The land or lands covered with water or an easement therein specified in section one of this act may be acquired by proceedings to be conducted by the city council in the manner provided by chapter 194, General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1903, enabling municipalities to establish and acquire a building line easement along streets, highways, parks and parkways, and the city council in any such city shall, under this act, exercise all the powers and perform all the duties imposed in said chapter 194, General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1903, on the "governing body" mentioned in said chapter.

Payment of awards.

SEC. 4. Upon the conclusion of the proceedings and the payment of the awards the several tracts of land shall

be deemed to be taken and appropriated for the purposes of this act, and such land or the easement therein for the purposes aforesaid shall vest absolutely in the city in which the lands are situate.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1905.

CHAPTER 214.

H. F. No. 195.

An act to amend chapter one hundred and sixty-eight (168) of the General Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to provide for sending official ballots to village and town clerks, and certain election judges, by registered mail or by express, and for sending election returns to county auditors by registered mail."

Distribution of ballots.

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

SECTION 1. That chapter one hundred and sixty-eight (168) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1903, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

"Wherever the primary and general election laws now provide that the village and town clerks and judges of election in unorganized towns, go to the county seat and receive the official ballots; hereafter the auditor of each county shall, at least one week before the day of election, send by registered mail or express to the village and town clerks and judges of election, the official ballots that each is entitled to receive; also, sealing wax, stamp, and the necessary postage to register and mail the election returns and other papers, as provided in section two (2) of this act.

Shall be sent by mail or express.

SEC. 2. And wherever the said election laws require the election returns and other papers to be delivered to the county auditor by one of the judges or other manager; hereafter such returns and other papers shall, in the presence of all the judges of election, be deposited in duplicate, each in a separate envelope, one of which shall be sewed by drawing a substantial twine through said envelope and said returns, and tying the ends of said twine together, and then seal said envelope, with a stamp furnished by the county auditor, in three places, having one of the seals over the knot in said twine. Said judges shall

Return to county auditor.