hearing upon the mayor or city recorder of such city at least twenty days before the time fixed for such hearing, and shall also cause a copy of such notice to be published in a newspaper, published in said city, at least two weeks before the time so fixed for such hearing.

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Decree—when.—Sec. 2. If, upon the hearing, the court shall find that such tract of land is of the nature and quantity as hereinbefore set forth, and that it may be detached from such city without unreasonably affecting the symmetry of the settled portions of such city, it may grant such decree, and said tract of land shall thereon become detached from such city and shall thereafter form a part of the township in which it was originally situated, and shall in all things be subject to the town government of such township.

Liability for existing indebtedness.—Sec. 3. Such sep-1007 C 221 aration from said city shall not release any such tract of land 11 from its liability on account of any outstanding bonded indebtedness of such city existing at the time of its separation therefrom.

Exceptions.—Sec. 4. This act shall not be construed as in any manner superseding, repealing, amending or qualifying the provisions of any home rule charter heretofore adopted by any city or village under the laws of this state, and this act shall not in any manner apply to any such city or village.

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

Approved April 17, 1907.

CHAPTER 222—S. F. No. 901.

An Act entitled: An act to create a board of poor commissioners in counties having a population of over seventy-five thousand (75,000) inhabitants and an area of over five thousand (5,000) square miles, and to define the duties of such board.

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

Appointment and qualifications.—Section 1. In counties having a population of over 75,000, and an area of over 5,000 square miles there shall be a board of three poor commissioners appointed by the chairman of the board of county

commissioners of such county, with the approval of the judges of the district court of the judicial district in which such county is located. The terms of the members of the first board shall expire, respectively, on the first Monday of January, in the first, second and third years after their appointment. Upon the expiration of such terms, their successors shall be appointed in like manner for terms of three years; and vacancies shall be filled by like appointment for the unexpired terms. Upon the appointment of the first board, and annually thereafter on the first Monday in January, the board shall elect from its number a president and a vice president, to serve for one year, and until their successors qualify. It shall make rules for the government of its proceedings, and fixing the times for holding its meetings, and may amend the same at any time. The members shall receive no compensation for their services, but each shall be repaid out of the county poor fund his necessary expenses, a verified and itemized statement of which shall be filed with and approved by the board. It shall be provided with a suitable office, the expenses whereof shall be paid out of the county poor fund.

Powers and duties.—Sec. 2. Such board shall have all the powers and duties relative to the care of the poor which in counties having the county system appertain to the county board. All moneys arising from the labor of poor persons in its care, or from the produce of the poor farm, shall be paid to the board and by it paid into the county treasury, to the credit of the poor fund. No money shall be paid from such fund, except on vouchers of the board, signed by its president or vice president, and countersigned by its clerk. On the first Monday of January, April, July and October in each year, the board shall file with the county auditor an itemized statement of its receipts and expenditures for the preceding three months.

Clerk—appointment of—duties and compensation.—Sec. 3. Such board shall appoint a clerk to serve during its pleasure, and fix his compensation, which shall not exceed one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month, and shall be paid out of the county poor fund. He shall keep a record of all the doings of the board; preserve in its office all documents relating to its business; keep an account of all its receipts and expenditures, and the name and address of each person to whom relief has been granted, with the amount and date

thereof. He shall investigate the condition and needs of all persons by or for whom application is made for relief, and report to the board thereon. The board may authorize him to grant temporary relief in cases of emergency, but it shall by resolution limit the amount of relief to be so granted without previous action by the board. The board may employ such other assistance as may be necessary to discharge its duties.

Taxes—how levied.—Sec. 4. On or before October 1, in each year, such board shall determine by resolution the amount of tax to be levied for the ensuing year for the support of the poor, the maintenance of the poorhouse and other places provided for the reception of the poor, and the erection of any buildings or improvements, and the adoption of such resolution shall constitute a levy on the property taxable in the county of the amount named therein; but the amount so levied for all purposes, except for the erection or repair of buildings, shall not exceed an amount equal to sixtenths of one mill on each dollar of assessed valuation. On or before October 5, thereafter, the board shall file a certified copy of such resolution with the county auditor, who shall enter the amount upon the tax lists. Such tax, when collected, shall be credited to the county poor fund.

- Sec. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1907.

CHAPTER 223—H. F. No. 902.

An Act to provide for the creation of a board of court house commissioners to contract for and superintend the erection, construction, completion and furnishing of a court house and jail in any county of this state having at any time a population of over 75,000 inhabitants.

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

Duties of county auditor.—Section 1. Whenever in any county of this state now or hereafter, having a population of more than 75,000 inhabitants, the county commissioners