

CHAPTER 329—H. F. No. 568.

An Act to amend section 2873, Revised Laws of the State of Minnesota for 1905, relating to fees to be paid by a corporation on filing articles of incorporation.

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

Corporation exempt from payment of filing fees.—Section. 1. That section 2873, of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2873. **Fees.**—Before filing any certificate of incorporation, renewal, or amendment increasing the capital stock, there shall be paid to the state treasurer a fee of fifty dollars for the first fifty thousand dollars, or any fraction thereof, of the capital stock of an original or renewed corporation, and five dollars for each additional ten thousand dollars or fraction thereof.

But nothing in this section shall apply to a corporation formed and operated solely for raising or improving live stock, or for the cultivation or improving of farms, gardens or agricultural lands, growing beets or for canning fruits or vegetables, or to any telephone company connecting towns or villages of less than two thousand inhabitants, and nothing in this section shall apply to corporations organized for the purpose of conducting a Chautauqua system of education.

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

Approved April 23, 1907.

CHAPTER 330—H. F. No. 1134.

An Act entitled an act authorizing any county in this state having a population of less than 10,000 inhabitants, to issue its warrants and bonds for the purpose of draining swamps and marshy lands located in certain townships in such county, and creating a commission to have charge of the work and prescribe their compensation.

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

County board may appropriate money for drainage.—Section 1. The board of county commissioners of any county

having a population of 10,000 inhabitants or less, in this state, are hereby authorized at any regular meeting of said board, or at any special meeting thereof, called for the purpose, to appropriate a sum sufficient in the judgment of said board to complete the work of draining the marsh and swampy lands located in said county, but no such appropriation shall exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000). All sums appropriated under this act shall be specially assessed against the lands in the townships benefitted under the provisions of this act, according as the same shall be benefitted by carrying out the provisions of this act and in proportion to the benefits received.

Board to direct issuance of warrants.—Sec. 2. At said meeting the said board of county commissioners may direct the warrants of said county to be from time to time issued as called for by said board, which warrants shall be payable from the fund derived by assessments against the property and land benefitted as provided for in section 1.

Bonds may be issued.—Sec. 3. The warrants so issued from time to time may be taken up and funded by bonds of such county, issued after the completion of said work, which bonds shall bear interest at rate not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum and shall run for a period of not exceeding twenty (20) years; but may be issued in serial form, falling due at yearly intervals or at such other intervals as such board of county commissioners may determine. Said bonds shall be a special lien upon all lands receiving benefits under this act in proportion to the benefits received, as provided for in section 1 herein, and shall be payable out of and from the fund received from the special assessments provided for in section 1 herein.

Commission may be designated—compensation.—Sec. 4. The carrying out of the provisions of this act shall be intrusted to a commission of three (3) residents of any such county, who shall be appointed as hereinafter provided, on or before July 1st, 1907, and may be removed for proper cause. One of said commissioners shall be appointed by the governor of the State of Minnesota, and the other two by the board of county commissioners of any such county, one of whom shall be a competent engineer. The said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to perform all proper and necessary acts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act and their compensation shall be fixed by the said board of county commissioners of any such county,

which compensation shall not exceed the sum of five dollars (\$5) per day for actual services rendered. Claims for said services shall be submitted by vouchers and audited and paid in the same manner as other claims against the county.

The said commissioners shall constitute the board of review who shall make a thorough and careful examination of all lands affected and who shall make their report as to benefits and damages, and the said commissioners are hereby clothed with all power as to condemnation proceedings, assessment of damages, and other matters pertaining to the execution of the provisions of this act, which is now extended to any board, person, persons or court by the law of the State of Minnesota pertaining to drainage.

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

Approved April 23, 1907.

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CHAPTER 331—S. F. No. 183.

An Act to amend section 1655 of the Revised Laws 1905, relating to payment of pensions and relief by firemen's relief association, and exemption thereof.

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

Pension to be paid under certain conditions—not subject to garnishment.—Section 1. That section 1655, Revised Laws 1905, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1655. Every fire department relief association organized under any law of this state, whenever its certificate of incorporation or by-laws so provide, may pay out of any funds received from the state, or other source, a service pension, in such amount, not exceeding forty dollars, (\$40.00) per month, as may be provided by its by-laws, to each of its members, who have heretofore retired or may hereafter retire, who has reached or shall hereafter reach the age of fifty (50) years, and who has done, or hereafter shall do, active duty for twenty (20) years or more as a member of a volunteer paid, or partially paid and partially volunteer fire department in the municipality where such association exists, and