

County commissioners.—Sec. 23. The board of county commissioners in counties of this state having, or which may hereafter have, a population of 275,000 inhabitants or over, shall appoint and employ such additional help for the respective offices as to them may seem just and proper in the carrying on of the work in said offices, and fix the compensation to be paid therefor.

Increase in salaries.—Sec. 24. All increase in salaries, either in amount or number herein provided for, shall be paid out of any moneys in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 25. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved April 23, 1907.

CHAPTER 373—H. F. NO. 1203.

An Act to legalize city charters in certain cases, and the acts of officers thereunder.

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

Filing.—Section 1. In any case where in any city or village in this state a city charter has been prepared and filed with the chief magistrate or chief executive officer of said city or village by a number of persons, not less than fifteen, purporting to be a board of freeholders and to have been appointed and to have acted under section 36, article 4, of the constitution of this state and the laws of this state enacted thereunder; and such charter has been actually submitted to the qualified voters of such city or village at a general or special election held therein; and such charter has been ratified and adopted by a vote of not less than four-sevenths of the qualified voters voting at such election; and such charter has been actually put in operation in said city or village, and officers have been elected therein under said charter and have qualified and entered upon their duties, then such charter is hereby legalized and made the lawful city charter of said city or village, and to have the same force and effect and to be of like validity as if each, all and every requirement of law for the appointment and qualification of the board of freeholders to prepare and compose the same, the

preparation, proposal and filing thereof by said board of freeholders, the submission thereof to the voters of said city and the ratification and adoption thereof by the voters of said city, and the certifying and filing thereof in the office of the registrar of deeds of the county and in the office of the secretary of state had in all things been fully complied with.

Officers.—Sec. 2. All acts of the officers of any such city or village, elected and qualified under such charter, shall have the same force and validity as if said charter had originally been fully valid and legal.

Sec. 3. This act shall not affect vested rights nor actions now pending.

Approved April 23, 1907.

CHAPTER 374—H. F. NO. 1200.

An Act to amend chapter 13, of the Laws of 1907, being H. F. No. 345, approved February 13th, 1907, relating to contingent expenses of the attorney general's office.

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

Amount appropriated.—Section 1. That section 1, of chapter 13, of the General Laws of 1907 (being H. F. No. 345, approved February 13th, 1907), be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of defraying the contingent expenses of the attorney general's office, including the reasonable compensation of such additional counsel as he may from time to time find it necessary to employ to assist him in handling the legal business of the state promptly and efficiently, there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars, available at once, for the year 1907, and the sum of six thousand dollars for the year 1908, to be available January 1st, 1908, such money to be paid out only upon verified vouchers approved by the attorney general.

Appropriations superseded.—Sec. 2. This appropriation is to entirely supersede and take the place of the appropriation of twenty five thousand dollars each year for the next