

and the votes counted, canvassed and returned in the same manner as votes for city officers are counted, canvassed and returned.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1909.

CHAPTER 213—S. F. No. 671.

An Act entitled "An Act to authorize cities in the State of Minnesota now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants, to issue and sell bonds for the purpose of aiding in the construction of buildings to be used for central police stations, and for acquiring suitable sites and grounds therefor."

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

\$50,000 bonds for central police station.—Section 1. Any city in this state now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants, in addition to all the powers now possessed by such city, is hereby authorized and empowered, acting by and through the common council of such city, by ordinance duly enacted by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all members elect of such common council to issue and sell not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in and of the bonds of such city for the purpose of aiding in and defraying the expense of constructing buildings to be used as, and for a central police station in such city, and for acquiring sites and grounds therefor.

Bonds; when issued—How sold.—Sec. 2. The bonds authorized by section one (1) of this act, or any portion thereof, must be issued on or before one (1) year from the date of the passage of this act, and may be issued and sold by any such city notwithstanding any limitation contained in the charter of such city or in any law of this state prescribing or fixing any limit upon the bonded indebtedness of such city, and the full faith and credit of any such city shall at all times be pledged for the payment of any bonds issued under this act and for the payment of the current interest thereon and the common council of such city shall each year include in the tax levy a sufficient amount to provide for the payment of such interest as it accrues, and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

Bonds not to run for longer than thirty years nor bear more than four per cent interest.—Sec. 3. No bonds shall be issued by any such city for the purposes hereinabove mentioned to run for a longer term than thirty years, or bearing a higher rate of interest than four per cent per annum, but the place of payment of

the principal and interest thereof and the denominations in which the same are issued shall be such as may be determined upon by the common council, and may be in the form of coupon bonds or registered certificates, so-called. All of said bonds shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the city comptroller of the city issuing the same, and shall be sealed with the seal of such city, except that the signatures to the coupons attached to such bonds, if any, may be lithographed thereon, and none of said bonds shall be sold at less than their par value and accrued interest, and then only to the highest responsible bidder therefor.

Non-applicable to certain cities.—Sec. 4. This act shall apply to cities existing under a charter framed pursuant to section 36, of article 4, of the constitution of Minnesota, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 17, 1909.

CHAPTER 214—S. F. No. 687.

An Act to amend Section seven hundred and fifty-four (754) of Chapter nine (9) of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for nineteen hundred and five (1905), relating to submitting a proposed charter at a general or special election.

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

Section 1. That section seven hundred and fifty-four (754) of chapter nine (9) of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for nineteen hundred and five (1905) be amended so as to read, as follows:

Section 754. **Charter—How submitted—Ballots**—Upon delivery of such draft, the council or other governing body of the city or village shall cause the proposed charter to be submitted at the next general election thereafter occurring in said city or village within six (6) months after the delivery of such draft, and if there is no general city or village election occurring in said city or village within six (6) months after the delivery of such draft, then the council or other governing body of said city or village shall cause the proposed charter to be submitted at a special election to be held within ninety (90) days after the delivery of such draft as aforesaid. *Provided*, that said council or other governing body may call a special election for that purpose only at any time. If said election is held at the same time with the general election, the voting places and election officers shall