CHAPTER 422-S. F. No. 637.

An Act validating the payment of fees to the County Anditor in ditch proceedings in certain cases.

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

Fees of auditors in ditch proceedings validated.—Section 1. That in all cases where the fees of county auditors in ditch proceedings under chapter 230 of the General Laws of 1905 as amended, have been incurred and paid since April 23rd, 1907, and said fees have been included in the costs of the ditch and assessed against the benefited lands, said fees and payments are in all respects legalized and validated.

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

Approved April 22, 1909.

CHAPTER 423-S. F. No. 640.

An Act to amend Section 749. Revised Laws of 1905, relating to the appointment of Board of Freeholders.

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

Judges may appoint new board on petition of ten freeholders. – Section 1. That section seven hundred and forty-nine (749) Revised Laws of 1905, he amended so as to read, as follows:

"749. Board of freeholders-Whenever the judges of the judicial district in which such city or village is situated, shall deem it for the best interests of the municipality so to do, they may appoint a board of freeholders to frame such charter, composed of fifteen members, each of whom shall have been a qualified voter of such city or village for five years last past; and upon presentation to them of a petition requesting such action. signed by at least ten per cent of the number of voters of such municipality, as shown by the returns of the election last held therein, they shall appoint such board. The members shall severally hold office for the term of four years, or until they cease to be such resident voters and freeholders, and vacancies in said board shall be filled by appointment of said judges for the unexpired terms. Upon the expiration of such four-year term, the judges shall appoint a new board, in case for any reason the judges shall fail to appoint a new board within said thirty (30) days then thereafter at any time the judges upon their own motion may, and upon the written petition of ten (10) freeholders of said city, shall appoint said new board. Every appointment shall be made by order filed with the clerk of the court. Every