

CHAPTER 154—S. F. No. 513.

An Act to amend section 708 of the Revised Laws of 1905, relating to separate election and assessment districts and prescribing how any incorporated villages may separate for all purposes from townships and become separate election and assessment districts.

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

Separation of incorporated villages from townships so as to become separate election and assessment districts.—Section 1. That section 708 of the Revised Laws of 1905 of the State of Minnesota be amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

“708. Separate election and assessment district.—Any such village or any other village heretofore organized and incorporated under any general or special law and now existing, not heretofore constituted a separate election and assessment district, may become such by the vote of a majority of its electors casting their ballots upon the question at a special election called for the purpose, or at a general election in the notice whereof the question is plainly submitted. The result of said vote shall be certified by the judges of election to the village council of such village and by said village council to the county auditor, and, if favorable to the change, by him to the secretary of the state. The last named certificate being received and filed in the office of the secretary of state, the change shall at once take effect, and thereafter the electors of said village shall have no vote in the affairs of the town or towns in which the village lies, and said village shall thereupon become and be a separate election and assessment district and in all things separate from such town or towns and be so certified by the county auditor to the state auditor.

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

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CHAPTER 155—S. F. No. 631.

An Act to authorize cities in this state now or hereafter having a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants to issue and sell bonds for acquiring and improving lands for public parks and parkways.

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

Eight hundred thousand dollar park bonds authorized.—Section 1. Any city in this state now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants is hereby author-

ized 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 the members-elect of such common council, upon request of the board of park commissioners of said city, or of such other governing body as may have charge and supervision of the parks and parkways of such city, to issue and sell not exceeding five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$525,000) par value of the bonds of such city for the purpose of improving land for public parks and parkways, and in addition thereto not exceeding two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) in par value of the bonds of such city for the purpose of acquiring land for public parks and parkways. Not more than two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) of bonds in the aggregate shall be ordered to be sold within any one calendar year under this act, but bonds ordered to be sold and not actually sold within such calendar year may be sold at subsequent times convenient.

To be issued regardless of present indebtedness.—Sec. 2. The bonds authorized by section one (1) of this act, or any portion thereof, 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, but 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 current interest thereon, and the common council of such city shall each year include in the tax levy for such city a sufficient amount to provide for the payment of such interest and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

To run thirty years at four per cent—How signed.—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 shall be 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 such bonds shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk and countersigned by the city comptroller of such city, 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 such bonds shall be sold at less than ninety-five per cent of their par value and accrued interest, and then only to the highest responsible bidder therefor.

Application.—Sec. 4. This act shall not apply to any city operating under a home rule charter, framed pursuant to section 36 of article 4 of the Constitution of Minnesota.

Sec. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 15, 1911.

CHAPTER 156—H. F. No. 617.

An Act entitled "An Act creating a department of weights and measures, to be under the jurisdiction of the Railroad and Warehouse Commission, defining its duties and powers and providing penalties for interference therewith."

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

Department of weights and measures.—Section 1. There is hereby created a department to be known as the department of "weights and measures," hereafter referred to as the department, and it shall be under the jurisdiction of the railroad and warehouse commission, hereafter referred to as the commission, which shall have supervision and control over all weights, weighing devices and measures in the state.

Commission to appoint a commission of weights and measures.—Sec. 2. The commission shall appoint a commissioner of weights and measures and such deputies and other employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and fix their compensation. The commissioner of weights and measures and the deputies shall give a bond in a sum to be fixed and approved by the commission. The commission shall provide for such examinations as it may deem necessary to determine the qualifications and fitness of appointees.

Rules and regulations to be prescribed by commission.—Sec. 3. The commission shall prescribe and adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and it may change, modify or amend any or all rules whenever deemed necessary, and the rules so made shall have the force and effect of law.

Department to take charge of standard of weights and measures.—Sec. 4. The department shall take charge of, keep and maintain in good order the standard of weights and measures of the state and submit them to the bureau of standards