

Sec. 2. This act shall not apply to any county where such clerk hire is now fixed by special law.

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

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CHAPTER 158—H. F. No. 370.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 372, General Laws of 1909; authorizing cities now or hereafter having a population exceeding fifty thousand inhabitants, excepting cities operating under home rule charters, framed pursuant to Section 36, Article 4, Constitution of Minnesota, and authorizing all cities having a population of fifteen thousand or less whether operating under such home rule charter or not to acquire gas, electric and water plants and property therefor, by the exercise of eminent domain and to operate the same.

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

Section 1. **Cities of 10,000, or less, permitted to acquire plants for gas, electricity, etc.**—That Section 1 of Chapter 372 of the General Laws for the year 1909 be amended so as to read as follows:

Any city now or hereafter having a population greater than fifty thousand inhabitants, excepting cities operating under home rule charters framed pursuant to Section 36, Article 4, of the Constitution of Minnesota, and all other cities having a population of ten thousand inhabitants or less whether operating under such home rule charter or not, are hereby authorized to acquire plants for furnishing gas, electricity, water, or either, any or all thereof, for municipal purposes, as well as for the use of the inhabitants of the city, and for that purpose may exercise the power of eminent domain in pursuance of Chapter 41, Revised Laws of 1905, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and thereby may take any and all property necessary or convenient for acquiring and establishing such plants and for adding thereto from time to time, including lands, manufacturing plants, pumping stations, power stations, pipe lines, conduits, pole and wire lines, reservoirs, filter and purification plants, storage plants, transforming and converting plants, and any and all property necessary or convenient, wherever situate, within or without the corporate limits, or of whatever character, and whether devoted to public use or not.

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