

CHAPTER 299—H. F. No. 373.

An Act to amend Section Twenty-Five (25) of Chapter Three (3) of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905, as amended by Chapter One Hundred and Fifty-Two (152), General Laws of Minnesota for 1907, relating to publishing amendments to the constitution.

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

Section 1. **Proposed amendments to be published in all legal newspapers of state—Price for publication.**—That Section Twenty-five (25) of Chapter Three (3) of the Revised Laws of Minnesota for 1905, as amended by Chapter One Hundred and Fifty-two (152), General Laws of Minnesota for 1907, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 25. At least four months preceding such election, the attorney general shall furnish to the secretary of state a statement of the purpose and effect of all amendments proposed, showing clearly the form of the existing sections, and of the same as they *will* read if amended. Prior to the election, the secretary of state shall give three weeks published notice of such statement *in all legal newspapers of the state. The secretary of state shall furnish such statement in plate form to such newspapers, the expense of which shall be borne by said newspapers. The maximum rate for such publication shall be twenty-five cents per folio for each of the three publications, but shall not exceed fifty dollars for each newspaper unless the publication exceeds eighty inches in length, in which case the excess shall be paid for at the rate of fifteen cents per inch for each publication thereof. Provided, that daily newspapers having a bona fide circulation, not including exchanges or other complimentary circulation, of ten thousand, shall receive seventy-five cents per folio for the first publication and thirty-five cents per folio for each of the two subsequent publications; not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars for each of such daily newspapers. Provided, however, that if any newspaper shall refuse the publication of said amendments such refusal and failure of publication shall have no effect on the validity of said amendments.* He shall also forward to each county auditor a number of copies of such statement, in poster form, sufficient to enable him to supply at least six of such copies for each election district of his county. The auditor shall furnish such copies to the town, village and city clerks, who shall give three weeks posted notice thereof, and cause one copy to be conspicuously posted at each polling place on election day. Willful or negligent failure by any official named to perform any duty imposed upon him by this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. The publisher of every newspaper publishing the proposed amendments shall, before receiving his fees for such

publication, file with the secretary of state an affidavit showing the qualification and legality of such newspaper and that the publication of such amendments has been made as required by law.

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

Approved April 15, 1913.

CHAPTER 300—H. F. No. S63.

An Act authorizing certain cities of the first class to issue bonds for the purposes of enlarging, supplementing and repairing sewers that have been found inadequate.

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

Section 1. **\$150,000 sewer bonds authorized.**—Any city of the first class not governed by a home rule charter is hereby authorized to issue and sell its bonds to an amount not exceeding \$150,000 in par value, the proceeds whereof shall be used for defraying the cost of enlarging, supplementing and repairing sewers heretofore constructed in said city that have been found inadequate, and for no other purpose.

Sec. 2. **How issued.**—Said bonds shall be issued only in pursuance of a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the city council or other governing body of said city and the faith and credit of the city shall be pledged to the payment thereof and the interest thereon. Such council or other governing body shall include in the tax levy of each year an amount sufficient to pay the current interest on such bonds, and the sinking fund of such city, if there be one, will be pledged to their redemption at maturity.

Sec 3. **Thirty years at four per cent.**—Bonds issued under this act shall run for a term not longer than thirty years and bear interest at a rate not higher than four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. The place of payment of principal and interest and the denomination of said bonds shall be fixed by the resolution authorizing their issue, and all or any of them may be in the form of coupon bonds or of registered certificates, so-called, as the purchasers may prefer.

Sec. 4. **How signed.**—All bonds or certificates so issued shall be signed by the mayor, attested by the city clerk, and countersigned by the city comptroller of said city, and be sealed with the city seal; except that the signatures to the coupons attached thereto, if any, may be lithographed. None of such obligations shall be sold for less than 95 per cent of their par value and accrued interest, or to any but the highest responsible bidder therefor.