

CHAPTER 215—S. F. No. 817.

An Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the election and term of abstract clerk in all counties in the State of Minnesota, now, or hereafter having a population of over two hundred thousand, and not over three hundred thousand inhabitants, and to repeal all inconsistent acts."

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

Section 1. **Election of abstract clerk in Ramsey county.**—That in all counties in the State of Minnesota, now, or hereafter, having a population of over two hundred thousand and not over three hundred thousand population, the abstract clerk to which any such county is entitled by law, shall be elected at the general election for county officers to be held in the year A. D. 1918, and each four years thereafter, and his term of office shall be for four years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. **Present officers to hold until qualification of successors after election of 1918.**—The term of office of all abstract clerks now in office in any county embraced in section one of this act, shall continue until their successors are elected at the general election in the year 1918, and until such successors qualify as provided by law.

Sec. 3. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1915.

CHAPTER 216—S. F. No. 916.

An Act to legalize certain proceedings heretofore taken for the drainage of lands in certain cases.

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

Section 1. **Certain drainage proceedings legalized.**—Where the county board of any county of this state, or the Judge of any of the District Courts of this State, in pursuance of Chapter 230 of the Laws of 1905 and the acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, has located and established or attempted to locate and establish any ditch, drain, or water course wholly within any county of this state, or partly within two or more counties thereof, and it has been determined by resolution adopted by said board or order made by said Judge, that such ditch, drain or water course will be of public utility and promotive of or be conducive to the public health, and that the benefits or estimated benefits to be derived from the construction thereof are greater than the

total cost, including damages awarded, and such ditch, drain or water course has been actually constructed, in accordance with the plans and specifications filed by the Engineer therein, or of the contract made in accordance with such plans and specifications, or the county has entered into a contract or contracts for the construction thereof, and the County Auditor has, or the County Auditors, as the case may be, or any of them, have executed and filed in the office of the Register of Deeds the tabular statement provided for in said Act, making assessments for the cost of the location, establishment and construction of the same within such county against the lands, corporations and roads benefited thereby, and the time for appeals had expired and no appeals have been taken therefrom or from any such proceedings, or if such appeals have been taken that the same have been determined before the passage of this act, then the said proceedings and all assessments or liens so levied or attempted to be assessed or levied for the actual cost of such work, including damages awarded, are hereby legalized and declared to be valid and in full force and effect until paid, in the time and manner set forth in said Act and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. **Not to affect right of appeal.**—This act shall not apply to or effect the right of appeal from such proceedings, as now provided by law, or any action or appeals now pending in which the validity of said proceedings is called in question.

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

Approved April 21, 1915.

CHAPTER 217—S. F. No. 74.

An Act to authorize certain cities in the State of Minnesota, now or hereafter having a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants, to procure, establish and maintain municipal forests.

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

Section 1. **St. Paul given power to maintain municipal forest.**—Any city in the State of Minnesota, now or hereafter having a population of more than fifty thousand inhabitants, by resolution of the governing body thereof, may accept donations of land as such governing body may deem to be better adapted for the production of timber and wood than for any other purpose, for a forest, and may manage the same on forestry principles. The doner of not less than one hundred acres of any such land shall be entitled to have the same perpetually bear his or her name. The governing body of any such city, when funds are available or have been levied therefor, may purchase or obtain by condemnation proceedings, and preferably at the sources of streams, any