

Section 1. President and trustees to receive annual salary of \$100.—In all villages of this state, now or hereafter having, according to the then next preceding federal or state census, a population of more than five thousand inhabitants, or having, according to the state records for the then next preceding year, an assessed valuation of more than one million, five hundred thousand dollars, the president and trustees shall receive an annual salary of One Hundred Dollars for their services as such officers.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after May 1, 1915.

Approved April 24, 1915.

CHAPTER 314—H. F. No. 30.

An Act legalizing certain conveyances of land heretofore made by husband acting under a power of attorney from the wife.

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

Section 1. Conveyance by husband acting under power of attorney from wife legalized.—No suit at law or proceeding in equity in any of the courts of the State of Minnesota, shall be brought to set aside any conveyance of land situated in the State of Minnesota, which said conveyance was made, executed and delivered prior to January 1, 1915, and was made by a husband for and on behalf of his wife acting under and by virtue of a power of attorney, made, executed and delivered by such wife to her husband unless such action at law or proceeding in equity is commenced on or before the first day of January, 1916, and all such conveyances in which such an action or proceeding is not commenced prior to January, 1916, are hereby legalized and declared to be legal conveyances of all of the right, title and interest of said wife and husband in and to such land to the purchaser thereof; provided, that the said power of attorney and conveyance have been duly recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county wherein the said land is situated, for more than ten years prior hereto, and provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply to or in any manner affect the title to any land, the title to which is now in litigation.

Approved April 24, 1915.

CHAPTER 315—H. F. No. 125.

An Act relating to village and town elections.

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

Section 1. Village or township officers may be elected under Australian ballot system.—The village council of any village or the

town board of any township in this state may by resolution or ordinance at least thirty days before the date of any election for village or township officers to be held therein, resolve or ordain that all elections of village or township officers in said village or township shall be held and conducted under the so-called "Australian Ballot System," until otherwise determined by ordinance or resolution by said village council or Town board, and after the adoption of such resolution or ordinance all elections of village or township officers in said village or township shall thereafter be held and conducted under said "Australian Ballot System," as provided by law for general elections in this state, as far as practicable. This shall relate to no preliminaries of such elections except the filing of candidates and the preparation of ballots as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. Filing of candidates and fees.—Candidates for such offices shall file an affidavit at least one week before election with the village recorder or the town clerk, as the case may be, paying to such officer a fee of one dollar (\$1.00). Such affidavit shall be substantially as provided by Chapter 2 of the Laws of 1912, relating to non-partisan officers. There shall be no primary election, but the filing of such affidavits shall be a pre-requisite to having the name of the candidate placed on the official ballot for the general village election. The village recorder shall prepare and have printed, at the expense of their respective municipalities, the necessary tally sheets and ballots for such election. The ballots shall be printed on yellow-tinted paper, but without the fac-simile of the signature of the county auditor. The ballots shall contain no party designation of any candidates, and the names of the candidates for each office shall be arranged on the ballot alphabetically, according to the surname of such candidates. The ballots shall be counted, tallied and preserved as in general elections, except that the village recorder or town clerk, as the case may be, shall be the final custodian of such ballots, of his respective municipality. A sample ballot shall be posted at the place of election at least two (2) days before such election by the officer whose duty it is to prepare such ballot.

Sec. 2½. Registration days to be provided for.—The Village council or town board, as the case may be, may also provide in such resolution or ordinance that there be two registration days preceding every such election, one of which shall be three weeks prior to the election day, and the other one week prior thereto. The board of election may act as the registration board, and such board shall be designated in time to so act.

Sec. 3. General election law penalties to be in force.—All of the provisions of laws now in force relating to offenses and penalties in connection with general elections are hereby made applicable to village elections.

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

Approved April 24, 1915.

CHAPTER 316—H. F. No. 101.

An Act authorizing cities of the third and fourth class in this state to levy and assess a half mill tax for the purpose of providing musical entertainments in public buildings or upon public grounds.

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

Section 1. **Cities of third and fourth class to levy tax for musical entertainments.**—That the governing body of any city of the *third* or *fourth* class in this state, is hereby authorized to annually levy a half mill tax against the taxable property in such city for the purpose of providing musical entertainments to the public in public buildings or upon public grounds; provided, however, that in any such city the total sum that may be levied or expended in any year shall not exceed the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

Approved April 24, 1915.

CHAPTER 317—H. F. No. 376.

An Act providing for the disposition of fines imposed upon railroads or other common carriers for abandoning or tearing up their tracks.

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

Section 1. **Fine to go to municipalities.**—Whenever a railroad or other common carrier is fined on account of an abandonment or tearing up of its tracks, or any part thereof, such fine shall go to such municipalities as have been injured by such action through disturbance of their manufacturing or business interests or otherwise.

Sec. 2. **Disposition to be made by district court.**—The disposition of such fine shall be determined by the district court of the district in which the prosecution was conducted and shall be heard as are ordinary civil actions upon petition of such municipalities setting forth the facts, but no such petition shall be filed later than six months after the payment of such fine. Such fines shall not be turned into the state treasury until such petitions, if any, have been disposed of and shall be distributed in accordance with the judgment of the court.

Sec. 3. **To apply to fines paid since Jan. 1, 1915.**—This act shall apply to any fines paid since January 1, 1915, irrespective of