

city on a day specified, not less than ten days nor more than thirty days after the last publication of such ordinance or resolution. The signatures to such petition need not be all appended to one paper, but one of the signers on each such paper shall make oath, before any officer competent to administer oaths, that each signature to the paper appended is the signature of the person whose name purports to be thereto subscribed and that all the subscribers thereto are legal voters of said city. Such petition shall be filed with the city recorder or clerk, and it shall be his duty then to forthwith give written notice to the mayor and each alderman of said city, by mail, of the filing of such petition, and in such notice to fix a time and place, not less than three nor more than ten days thereafter, for the common council to meet and act on such petition. Such ordinance or resolution shall be published and posted, as soon after its adoption as conveniently may be, in manner now provided, or as may be hereafter provided, by law for such cities.

Sec. 15. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved April 20, 1917.

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#### CHAPTER 359—S. F. No. 309.

*An act to amend Section 632, Chapter 7, General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, entitled "Counties and County Officers," relating to the change of boundaries and the establishment of new counties.*

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

Section 1. **Changing of boundaries and creation of new counties.**—That section 632, chapter 7, of General Statutes of Minnesota, 1913, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. The boundaries of counties may be changed by taking territory from a county and attaching the same to an adjoining county, and new counties may be established out of territory out of one or more existing counties, as hereinafter provided; that no such new county shall contain less than four hundred (400) square miles, nor less than two thousand (2,000) inhabitants, nor shall it have an assessed valuation of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) and no existing county shall be reduced in area below four hundred (400) square miles, nor so as to contain less than two thousand (2,000) inhabitants, nor so as to have an assessed valuation of less than four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00);

Provided, however, that in existing counties having an area of more than thirty-five hundred (3,500) and less than six thousand (6,000) square miles, boundaries may be changed and new counties established having an assessed valuation of not less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00).

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

Approved April 20, 1917.

#### CHAPTER 360—S. F. No. 493.

*An act to establish state forests composed of trees suitable for use in paper making, and for the reservation of water powers, lands liable to be over-flowed by the improvement of such powers and other lands suitable for producing woods used in manufacturing paper, and the leasing of such powers.*

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

Sec. 1. **Water powers owned or controlled by state withdrawn from sale.**—All water powers having a possible average development of one hundred horse power or more, owned by or subject to the control of the state of Minnesota, and all lands so owned, controlled or held in trust by the state of Minnesota lying within one mile of such water powers are hereby withdrawn from sale and held for the purpose of the improvement and utilization of the same for the purpose of having paper manufactured by plants built at and using the power of such water powers.

Sec. 2. **Lands overflowed and unfit for agricultural purposes, but suitable for re-forestration withdrawn from sale.**—All the lands owned, controlled or held in trust by the state of Minnesota, which lands would be over-flowed by the complete and full development of the water powers hereinbefore referred to are hereby reserved and withdrawn from sale in order that they may be overflowed by the improvement of the water powers within whose basin of overflow they lie. All lands unfit for agricultural and suitable for reforestration purposes are hereby withdrawn from sale. The state auditor is hereby requested and directed to ascertain all the water powers and lands hereinbefore referred to, with all due speed and to withdraw from sales all such lands and to report such withdrawals, including in such report the description of the land, the present character and the growth thereon and the estimated value of the land and also of the timber, if any, now growing thereon. Also the quantity and character of the timber suitable for use in the manufacture of paper, growing on said land and the most accessible method of transportation of said timber, of use in the manufac-