

CHAPTER 410—H. F. No. 713.

An act to amend Sections 4, 5 and 7 of Chapter 238, General Laws of Minnesota for 1915, relating to formation of consolidated school districts.

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

Section 1. Conduct of election, officers and bonded indebtedness.—That section 4 of chapter 238, General Laws of Minnesota for 1915 be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 4. At such meeting the electors shall elect from their number a chairman and clerk, who shall be the officers of the meeting. The chairman shall appoint two tellers, and the meeting and election shall be conducted as are annual meetings in common and independent districts. The vote at such election or meeting shall be by ballot, which shall read "For Consolidation," or "Against Consolidation." The officers at such meeting or election shall, within ten days thereafter, certify the result of the vote to the superintendent of the county in which such district mainly lies. If a majority of the votes cast be for consolidation, the county superintendent within ten days thereafter shall make proper orders to give effect to such vote, and shall thereafter transmit a copy thereof to the auditor of each county in which any part of any district affected lies, and to the clerk of each district affected, and also to the superintendent of education. If the order be for the formation of a new district, it shall specify the number of such district. The county superintendent shall also cause ten days' posted notice, and one week's published notice, if there be a newspaper published in such district, to be given of a meeting to elect officers of the newly formed consolidated school district; provided, that the board of a consolidated school district shall from and after the formation of the consolidated district have all the powers, privileges and duties, now conferred by law upon boards of independent districts.

After the formation of any consolidated school district, appeal may be taken as now provided by law in connection with the formation of other school districts. Nothing in this act shall be construed to transfer the liability of existing *bonded indebtedness* from the district or territory against which it was originally incurred.

Sec. 2. Consolidation of districts having an area of one square mile and a voting school population of 100.—That section 5 of chapter 238, General Laws of Minnesota for 1915, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5. In like manner, one or more school districts may be consolidated with an existing district in which is maintained

a state high or graded, or semi-graded school in a district containing an incorporated village, in which case the school board of the district maintaining a state high or graded, or semi-graded school in a district containing an incorporated village, shall continue to be the board governing the consolidated school district, until the next annual school election, when successors to the members whose terms then expire shall be elected by the legally qualified voters of the consolidated school district; provided, however, that in case of consolidation with a school district in which there is maintained a state high or graded, or semi-graded school in a district containing an incorporated village, consolidation shall be effected by vote of the rural school districts only, in the manner provided under this act, and by the approval of such consolidation of the rural school district or districts with the one in which there is maintained a state high or graded, or semi-graded school in a district containing an incorporated village, by the school board thereof. *Provided that the provisions in this section shall be applicable to a district that has an area not exceeding one (1) mile square in which there is contained a voting school population of one hundred (100) voters or more.*

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

Approved April 20, 1917.

CHAPTER 411—H. F. No. 1168.

An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 225 of Laws 1915, fixing and regulating the salaries, compensation, duties and help of county surveyors in counties having or which may hereafter have, a population of 300,000 inhabitants or over, and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

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

Section 1. **Salaries and expenses of deputies and engineers in Hennepin county surveyor's office.**—That section 2 of chapter 225 of the Laws 1915, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The county surveyor shall appoint and employ two deputies who shall each be paid *two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per annum for all the services performed by each of them for said county*; also one chief clerk and draftsman who shall be paid the sum of eleven hundred dollars (\$1,100) per annum; one assistant engineer and rodman, who shall be paid the sum of ten hundred and eighty dollars (\$1,080.00) per annum; two chainmen who shall each be paid the sum of nine hundred and sixty dollars (\$960.00) per annum. All the above salaries and