

provided for by section 11 of said chapter 35, and the village and said contractor or contractors have in good faith proceeded with such construction, and work has been actually performed thereunder, pursuant to said contract or contracts; then, and in every such case, all steps taken, things done and acts and proceedings had by such village council in the letting of such contract or contracts are hereby legalized, validated, ratified and confirmed, and such village council is hereby authorized to carry out and complete such construction, and pay and provide for the payment of the cost thereof, according to the provisions of chapter 35 of the General Laws of 1915.

Provided, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts of this state.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 8, 1919.

CHAPTER 11—S. F. No. 304.

An act to amend chapter 5, G. L. 1919, entitled an act relating to special elections and primaries therefor.

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

Section 1. Preceding precinct boundaries, judges of election, and registers to govern.—That section 2 of said chapter 5, G. L. 1919, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. It shall not be necessary to create any new precincts, appoint judges or make new registration of voters for any such special election or any primary therefor, but the registration for the last preceding general election shall be used, the precincts shall be the same as at the last preceding general election, the hours of opening and closing the polls shall be the same as such hours for general elections, the polling places shall be the same, as near as may be, and the judges of election at the last general election in any precinct shall serve as judges of election for such special election and the primary therefor, and vacancies of judges be filled in the same manner as in the case of general elections and such judges shall have the right to take from the city clerk or other legal custodian and use at such special election, and the primary therefor, the registers used at said last general election, any names thereon being subject to challenge as at a general election. If any person whose name does not appear on said registers shall ask to vote at said primary election, his name shall be entered upon such registers upon taking such oath, answering such questions, and complying with all other provisions contained in section 434, General Statutes, 1913.

Sec. 2. Form of ballot and elimination of party designation.—That section 8 of said chapter 5, G. L. 1919, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 8. *The primary election ballot shall be headed: "Special Primary Election Ballot for (name of office)" followed by the name of the county and state and number of the legislative district and facsimile signature of the county auditor. And the special election ballot shall be headed: "Special Election Ballot for (name of office)" together with the name of the county, state and number of the legislative district and facsimile signature of the county auditor, and neither on the primary ballot nor election ballot shall there be any party name or other designation before or after the names of the candidates thereon except the name of the office for which such person is a candidate. And except as otherwise provided herein the laws governing the conduct of general elections shall govern the conduct of such special election as far as practicable.*

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

Approved February 8, 1919.

CHAPTER 12—S. F. No. 241.

An act to continue in existence a commission heretofore created by the governor of the state, and designated as "Minnesota Forest Fires Relief Commission," defining the powers and duties thereof relative to providing temporary relief in the matter of preserving the public health and relieving the poor in those portions of the state swept by forest fires in October, 1918, and authorizing the levy and collection of taxes to provide funds therefor and appropriating the same, and the issuance of certificates of indebtedness in connection therewith.

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

Section 1. Continuation of Minnesota forest fire relief commission.—The action of the governor of the state in creating a commission of nine members designated as "Minnesota Forest Fires Relief Commission," and the appointment of persons upon such commission with authority to receive and disburse such funds as might come into the hands of such commission for the purpose of providing temporary relief for persons in need thereof by reason of the forest fires which swept over portions of the state in October, 1918, is hereby approved and such commission as now constituted, the same being composed of the following named persons: W. A. McGonagle, Duluth; Hubert V. Eva, Duluth; C. R. Magney, Duluth; George H. Partridge, Minneapolis; C. I. McNair, Cloquet; F. G. Steger, St. Paul; C. A. Duncan, Duluth; C. F. Mahnke,