

than two persons have filed as candidates for the nomination for each vacancy to be filled at such special election then and in such event no primary election shall be held but the two persons so filing shall be considered and shall be the nominees for such office and their names only shall be placed on the ballot to be voted on at such special election for the office to be filled.

Sec. 7. Returns and canvassing of vote at special election, and issuance of certificate of election.—The returns of such special election shall be delivered to the county auditor of each county wherein such special election shall be held and shall be canvassed on the first week day following such special election by the canvassing board hereinbefore provided for and constituted for the primary for such special election which board shall forthwith upon the completion of the canvass certify in writing the result of such canvass to the county auditor of the county wherein such election has been held, which county auditor shall file the same and forthwith issue a certificate of election to the person receiving the highest number of votes at the special election. Provided, however, that in legislative districts comprising more than one county the returns of such special election shall be canvassed separately in each county by the canvassing boards therein constituted as above and the result of such canvass by each such canvassing board shall be certified in writing to the auditor of such county who shall file the same and transmit a statement of the vote cast in his county at such special election to the secretary of the state, who shall canvass the statements as transmitted to him and issue a certificate of election to the person receiving the highest number of votes at such special election for any such office. The action of a majority of such canvassing board shall be legal and sufficient.

Sec. 8. Laws governing general elections to otherwise govern.—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. 9. Inconsistent acts repealed.—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 29, 1919.

CHAPTER 6—H. F. No. 3.

An act authorizing cities of Minnesota of over 50,000 inhabitants to issue and sell municipal bonds for certain public purposes.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. \$700,000 bond issue, authorized for Minneapolis, for various purposes.—Every city of this state now or hereafter having over fifty thousand inhabitants and not governed by a charter adopted pursuant to section 36, article 4, of the State

Constitution, in addition to all other powers now possessed by the city, is hereby authorized and empowered, by resolution duly passed by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of all members of the city council or common council of the city, to issue and sell municipal bonds of the city to the amount of \$200,000.00 in par value, for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing, reconstructing, replacing, and repairing bridges over and across any navigable river or stream running through such city; and additional bonds to the amount of \$400,000.00 in par value, for the purpose of defraying so much of the cost of paving and curbs and gutters in such city as is not assessable upon abutting or benefited property; and additional bonds to the amount of \$300,000.00 in par value, for the purpose of aiding in defraying the cost of laying and constructing main or trunk line sewers in such city, and additional bonds to the amount of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing new bridges over and across any lake wholly or partly within the limits of such city, and reconstructing, replacing and repairing old bridges over and across any such lake.

Sec. 2. To be issued regardless of limitation of charter.—The bonds hereby authorized or any part thereof may be issued and sold by any such city notwithstanding any limitations contained in the charter of such city, or any law of this state prescribing or fixing any limit upon the bonded indebtedness of such city, but the full faith and credit of such city shall at all times be pledged for the payment of any such bonds issued hereunder and for the payment of the current interest thereon, and the city council or common council of such city shall each year include in the tax levy for such city a sufficient amount to provide for the payment of such interest as it accrues and for the accumulation of a sinking fund for the redemption of such bonds at their maturity.

Sec. 3. Time of maturity, and form of bonds.—No bonds shall be issued by any such city under this act for the purposes hereinabove named to run for a longer period than thirty years, or bearing a higher rate of interest than 5 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, but the place of the payment of the principal and interest thereon and the denominations in which the same shall be issued shall be such as shall be determined by the city council or common council. All such bonds shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the city comptroller and attested by the city clerk of such city and shall be sealed with the seal of said city, except that the signatures to the coupons attached thereto, if any, may be lithographed thereon, and none of such bonds shall be sold for less than 95 per cent of their par value and accrued interest and then only to the highest responsible bidder therefor.

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

Approved January 30, 1919.