

for the construction of such dam and power house and for the furnishing of electricity generated thereat to said city and the inhabitants thereof.

Sec. 3. **Bonds may be issued.**—If necessary for the carrying out of the aforesaid purposes, bonds may be issued in accordance with Chapter 10, General Statutes 1913, as amended.

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

Approved April 15, 1921.

CHAPTER 322—S. F. No. 702.

An act relating to elections, providing for the election of delegates to conventions of political parties and for the holding of such conventions, and providing for the endorsement of candidates by such conventions, and repealing certain laws in reference thereto.

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

Section 1. **Political conventions authorized.**—Election of delegates to county political conventions, the filing of candidates therefor, the holding of county, district and state political party conventions, the selection of delegates thereto, the endorsement of candidates and the adoption of party platforms, shall be in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. **Endorsement of convention to be stated on ballot.**—After the name of any candidate, endorsed as provided in this act, on the primary election ballot of any political party, shall be printed the statement that he is endorsed by one or more party conventions, as the case may be, thus: "Endorsed by _____ party convention" (or conventions).

Sec. 3. **Delegate elections.**—On the second Tuesday in March, in each even numbered year, there shall be held in each election district in the state a delegate election, for the purpose of electing delegates of political parties to the county conventions, as hereinafter provided. Said day shall constitute an additional registration day for the general election in cities of the first class, and judges in election districts in such cities shall perform the same duties in regard to registration on the said day that they perform on other registration days.

Sec. 4. **Apportionment of delegates.**—The number of delegates which an election district shall be entitled to send to a county convention of a political party shall be fixed and determined by the county committee of such political party, and shall be based upon and apportioned according to the vote cast for such party's candidate for governor in the respective election districts at the preceding general election, provided that each election district shall be entitled to at least one delegate. The respective county com-

mitees, after having apportioned the delegates among the several election districts, shall, at least thirty days before the delegate election, certify to the county auditor the number of delegates allotted to each district.

Sec. 5. Filing of candidate for delegate.—Any voter desiring to become a candidate for delegate of a political party to the county convention from the election district in which such voter resides may do so by filing with the county auditor of the county of his residence, at least fifteen days before the date of such delegate election, an affidavit, blank forms of which shall be provided by the county auditors of the respective counties, stating his residence that he desires to be a candidate for delegate from the district in which he resides, that he is a qualified voter of such district, the name of his party, that he affiliated with such party at the last general election, and either that he did not vote thereat, or that he voted for a majority of the candidates of said party at such election and intends to so vote at the ensuing election. The county auditor shall place the name of such candidate upon the ballot of the political party so designated for the election district from which he seeks to be chosen.

Sec. 6. Place of delegate elections—Election boards.—The delegate elections shall be held in the several election districts at the place where the last general election was held, or at such other place as may be lawfully fixed. No change in the boundaries of an election district shall be made during the ten days preceding election. The judges and clerks who will act at the ensuing general election shall act on the day of such delegate election both as judges and clerks of such election and as registration officers, and vacancies shall be filled and additional appointments made as in the case of general elections, and they shall receive the same compensation as judges and clerks of general elections receive, and the council of every municipality at least twenty-five days before the delegate election shall appoint three qualified voters of each district therein to be judges, but in villages having but one district and not included in any town district the members of the council shall be judges, subject to the qualifications and restrictions provided for town boards at general elections. The members of the town board shall be judges in the districts in which they respectively reside at such delegate election, subject to the same qualifications and restrictions provided for election boards in such districts at general elections, and whenever for any reason it becomes necessary to appoint one or more judges in order to provide three judges for a district in a town, the town board shall appoint the number required and cause posted notice thereof to be given in each district at least ten days before the delegate election. The same election boards, except as vacancies may occur and be filled therein, shall act at the delegate primary and general election in any one year.

Sec. 7. Voting to be by ballot—Auditor to prepare.—Voting at delegate elections shall be by ballot. At least twenty days prior to the holding of such election, the secretary of state shall send to each county auditor a form of ballot prepared by him for use at such election, which shall be in substantially the same form as the white ballot used at the general election and shall be headed "delegate election, ballot of party, election district, county, vote for delegates" and below the name of the last named candidate, there shall be placed as many blank lines as there are delegates to be elected from such district. After the closing of the time for the filing of candidates for delegates, the several county auditors shall prepare and cause to be printed a sufficient number of ballots for each election district in their respective counties, following the form prescribed by the secretary of state, and shall place the names of candidates for delegates on the ballot of the party and for the district designated.

Sec. 8.—General election laws to apply.—The provisions of the general election laws relating to the location and arrangement of polling places, peace officers, challengers, procuring registers, ballot boxes and supplies, opening polling places, gate keepers, voting, counting of ballots, returns and returns of ballots, so far as applicable, shall apply to delegate elections. In all election districts where an annual election is held on the second Tuesday of March the polls shall be kept open during the whole of such time as is now provided by law for holding the annual elections in such respective districts and in all other election districts the polls shall be open from twelve o'clock noon until 9 o'clock in the afternoon. The auditor shall furnish to each district, together with the ballots, separate tally sheets, for each political party presenting candidates for delegates at such election. The blanks provided for registration of voters for use at the primary and general elections shall be used at delegate elections and shall have an additional column headed "Voted ballot of party indicated at delegate election", and the judges shall enter under such heading, opposite the name of each person, the party ballot voted by him. The votes shall be canvassed after the closing of the polls in the same manner as votes are canvassed at general elections. The auditor shall perform the duties now performed at general elections by the county canvassing board, and forthwith after having received returns from the several judges of election shall transmit to each candidate elected a certificate of his election, which shall state the time and place of the convention to which he has been elected and shall certify to the chairman of the county committee of the respective political parties the names of all delegates elected to the county convention and the district from which elected.

Sec. 9. County conventions.—The time of holding the county conventions of a political party shall be on a day within

ten days after the holding of the delegate election, to be fixed by the state central committee of the various political parties. The place of holding the county conventions shall be fixed by the respective county committees in the counties in their call for the convention.

Sec. 10. Purpose of conventions—Powers.—When the delegates shall have assembled for the county convention at the time and place stated in the call therefor, they shall be called to order by the chairman of the county committee, the convention shall then proceed to transact business. A county convention shall be empowered: (1) to adopt a platform or a statement of political principles; (2) to elect such delegates to the state convention as may be apportioned to the county in accordance herewith, and to elect such delegates to any congressional district conventions in a district lying wholly or partly within such county as may be determined, and to elect or appoint in such manner as it may determine a county committee to serve until its successors are chosen.

Sec. 11. Names of delegates certified to Secretary of State.—Immediately upon the adjournment of county convention, the officers thereof shall certify a list of the names and addresses of all delegates elected to the state convention to the secretary of state, who shall, at least three days prior to the holding of the state convention, certify a list of all such delegates to the chairman of the proper state central committee. Said convention officers shall also deliver to each delegate elected to a party convention a certificate of his election.

Sec. 12—Congressional district conventions—Apportionment of delegates.—The time and place of holding congressional district conventions shall be fixed by the state central committees of the several political parties. The apportionment of delegates to district conventions in districts included within two or more counties shall be made by the state central committees and such apportionment shall be based on the vote cast for governor of such party at the past preceding election, and a certified copy of such apportionment shall be delivered to the county chairman of each county containing a part of such district, but as to districts not lying within more than one county such apportionment shall be made by the county committee.

Sec. 13. Duties and powers.—Congressional district conventions, shall, when the delegates elected thereto, have assembled at the time and place stated in the call therefor, select officers and endorse a candidate for the office for which an incumbent is to be elected by the voters of such district at the ensuing general election, and the proper officers of such district conventions shall forthwith, after the conclusion thereof, certify the name of such candidate endorsed to the officer with whom the candidate endorsed is required to file. Each congressional district convention may

elect or appoint in such manner as it may determine a congressional district committee, to serve until its successors are chosen.

Sec. 14. State Conventions—Date.—The time and place of holding the state convention of a political party shall be fixed by the state central committee of such political party, but such time shall be on a day other than Saturday during the last seven days in March.

Sec. 15. Number of delegates.—There shall be three delegates-at-large from each county to the state convention and in addition thereto such delegates as the state central committee may determine, but the number of such additional delegates from any one county shall be based upon the vote cast for governor at the preceding general election. At least thirty days prior to the holding of the county convention the chairman of the state central committee shall certify to each county chairman the total number of delegates his county is entitled to send to the state convention.

Sec. 16. Duties and powers.—The state convention of each political party composed of delegates chosen as herein provided shall be called to order by the chairman of the state central committee of such party, who shall thereupon present the list of delegates thereto as certified to by the secretary of state and effect a temporary organization. If any county shall not be fully represented, the delegates present shall cast the full vote thereof unless less than fifty per cent are present, in which case only the votes^o of those present shall be cast. Such convention when permanently organized shall formulate and adopt a state platform of the party it represents, and then it shall endorse candidates of the party for any office to be voted for by the voters of the entire state, including the office of United States senator. There shall be no change in the vote of a delegation at such convention until after the calling of the roll has been completed.

In years when candidates for presidential electors are to be voted on, such convention shall nominate persons for said offices, and shall elect delegates-at-large to national party conventions. The names of the candidates endorsed or nominated and a copy of the platform adopted by such convention shall be certified to the secretary of state by the proper officers of the convention.

Sec. 17. State central committees—How constituted—Vacancies.—Hereafter the state central committee of a political party shall be constituted in the following manner; two members from each congressional district shall be selected at the state convention by the delegates representing such districts. Each candidate for office endorsed by the convention may select one member thereof and the member selected by the candidate endorsed for governor shall be chairman. Each candidate for member of congress endorsed by a congressional district convention may select one member. In the event any such candidate shall be defeated

for nomination at the primary election then and thereby his appointment of a member on the state central committee is revoked and cancelled and the person so appointed shall cease to be a member thereof and the person receiving such nomination may appoint a person to fill the vacancy. Such committee shall have the usual and customary powers and duties of such committees. The present state central committees shall continue in existence until new committees are chosen in accordance herewith.

Any vacancy in a state, county, district, or other authorized party committee shall be filled, until the next assembling after the passage of this act of the convention charged by law with the selection of such committee, in such manner as the state central committee may direct, and thereafter such convention shall provide for the filling of vacancies in committees selected by it.

No filing of candidates for nomination to an elective office at the primary election shall be made until after the period of time herein prescribed for holding state conventions of political parties has elapsed, and the officers with whom such petitions may be filed shall not receive or file the same until after the time for holding such state conventions has elapsed.

Sec. 18. Chap. 3, S. L. 1912, repealed.—That chapter three of Session Laws 1912, as amended shall as far as applicable apply to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 19. Laws repealed.—Sections 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370 and 537, General Statutes of Minnesota^o 1913, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 323—H. F. No. 535.

An act relating to public highways; the powers and duties of the commissioner of highways, subordinate officers and employees, and various governmental agencies in relation thereto; providing for the location, construction and maintenance of trunk highways under article 16 of the State constitution and all other roads in the state; relating to the establishment and disposition of the trunk highway sinking fund and the trunk highway fund; for the payment of state aid for the construction and maintenance of roads; authorizing and directing the levy of taxes for highway purposes; repealing inconsistent laws and laws expressly mentioned; and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Scope of act.—The provisions of this act shall be