

CHAPTER 219—S. F. No. 862.

An act relating to the powers of town boards in towns now or hereafter having platted lands the assessed valuation of which is fifty per cent (50%) or more of the total assessed valuation of the lands of such town.

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

Section 1. Fire protection for towns.—That the electors of any town in which the assessed valuation of the platted lands thereof equals or exceeds fifty per cent (50%) of the total assessed valuation of all the lands of such town, shall have power at a special election called for such purpose to authorize the town board (1) to provide for fire protection and apparatus therefor (2) to provide for police protection and (3) to allow, permit, prohibit and limit the use of its roads, streets and public grounds for water mains, with all the necessary pipe, hydrants and other appliances and means for the purpose of providing water for the inhabitants thereof upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed by such town board and upon the condition that the water rates charged to the inhabitants of such town and to the public shall be just and reasonable and not exceeding a fair return upon the fair value of the property used for such purpose, for a period of not more than twenty (20) years.

Sec. 2. Elections—petition.—A special election of the electors of such town may be called for the purpose of voting upon any of the foregoing propositions by the town board upon its own motion, or shall be called by the town board upon a petition of twenty per cent (20%) of the qualified electors of such town based upon the number of such electors as shown by the poll list of voters at the next preceding election prior to the making of such petition. Notice of such election shall be given by posting notice thereof in three (3) of the most public places in the town specifying the propositions upon which the electors are to vote as follows:

1. Shall the town board be authorized to provide for fire protection and apparatus therefor?

2. Shall the town board be authorized to provide for police protection?

3. Shall the town board be authorized to grant a franchise for waterworks for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the town and the public with water? or as many of such propositions as are to be voted upon at such election.

Sec. 3. Ballots.—Every such election shall be conducted in the same manner as elections by ballot at the regular town election and the propositions to be voted upon shall be sepa-

rately stated upon the ballots as specified in the preceding section, and opposite each proposition shall be placed two squares with the words "yes" and "no" set opposite each square as follows:

"Yes
No"

and each elector shall vote separately on each proposition by making a cross in the square indicating whether he desires to vote "yes" or "no" on such proposition. The polls shall be opened from 9 A. M. to 7 P. M., and in all other respects the election shall be conducted and the votes canvassed as elections by ballot as provided in Sections 1040 to 1046, inclusive, General Statutes 1923.

Sec. 4. Town meeting to authorize construction.—In case any of the foregoing powers shall be granted to any such town board by the electors in the manner aforesaid, the town board shall not have any authority to spend money therefor or to enter into any contract or levy any tax for any of such purposes unless the same be authorized at the annual town meeting, except that whenever the electors vote to authorize any town board to exercise any of such powers in any year after the annual town meeting then a special town meeting may be called upon ten (10) days notice and such special town meeting shall have the same authority in respect to voting for said purpose as the electors at an annual town meeting.

Sec. 5. Power may be revoked.—The electors of any such town may by an election called and held as hereinbefore provided, revoke any authority of such town theretofore granted by vote of such electors as aforesaid, and in any such case, if such election results in a revocation of any of such powers, the town board shall no longer exercise the same.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 14, 1927.

CHAPTER 220—S. F. No. 958.

An act to amend Chapter 158, General Laws 1919, relating to county boards of counties now or hereafter having a population of 330,000 or more being authorized to provide and maintain at the expense of the county, transportation facilities for the use of certain county officers.

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

Section 1. Counties may provide transportation in certain cases.—That Section 1, Chapter 158, General Laws 1919, be amended so as to read as follows: