

4337-30 and 4337-33, Mason's Supplement 1940, as amended by this act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1941; provided, further, that section 4337-22, 4337-25, 4337-26, Mason's Supplement 1940, as amended by this act shall not affect the determination of, or rights to, benefits with respect to claims filed prior to July 1, 1941.

Sec. 22. **Law amended—title amended.**—The title of Chapter 2, Extra Session Laws 1936, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Chapter 2. An act to create an unemployment compensation fund from contributions by employers for the payment of compensation for involuntary unemployment, to provide for merit ratings for employers with creditable employment records, to provide for guaranteed employment accounts, to provide for cooperation with the Social Security Board of the United States of America, to provide penalties for the violation of said act, to provide for the administration thereof, to provide for the appointment of an assistant attorney general to be assigned to the division of employment and security, and to appropriate money therefor.”

Sec. 23. *Mason's Supplement 1940, Sections 4337-32a and 4337-32b are hereby repealed.*

Approved April 28, 1941.

CHAPTER 555—H. F. No. 470

An act proposing an amendment to Article IV, Section 36, of the constitution of the State of Minnesota to change the requirements for publication of proposed amendments to home rule charters of cities and villages.

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

Section 1. **Proposed constitutional amendment.**—The following amendment of Article IV, Section 36, of the constitution of the state of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of the state for their approval or rejection, which section when amended shall read as follows:

“Section 36. **Cities and villages may adopt charters—classification of cities for legislative purposes.**—Any city or village in this state may frame a charter for its own govern-

ment as a city consistent with and subject to the laws of this state, as follows: The legislature shall provide, under such restrictions as it deems proper, for a board of fifteen freeholders, who shall be and for the past five years shall have been qualified voters thereof, to be appointed by the district judges of the judicial district in which the city or village is situated, as the legislature may determine, for a term in no event to exceed six years, which board shall, within six months after its appointment, return to the chief magistrate of said city or village a draft of said charter, signed by the members of said board, or a majority thereof. Such charter shall be submitted to the qualified voters of such city or village at the next election thereafter, and if four-sevenths of the qualified voters voting at such election shall ratify the same it shall, at the end of thirty days thereafter, become the charter of such city or village as a city, and supersede any existing charter and amendments thereof; Provided, that in cities having patrol limits now established, such charter shall require a three-fourths majority vote of the qualified voters voting at such election to change the patrol limits now established. Before any city shall incorporate under this act the legislature shall prescribe by law the general limits within which such charter shall be framed. Duplicate certificates shall be made setting forth the charter proposed and its ratification, which shall be signed by the chief magistrate of said city or village and authenticated by its corporate seal. One of said certificates shall be deposited in the office of the secretary of state, and the other, after being recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county in which such city or village lies, shall be deposited among the archives of such city or village, and all courts shall take judicial notice thereof. Such charter so deposited may be amended by proposal therefor made by a board of fifteen commissioners aforesaid, published for at least *once each week for four successive weeks in a legal newspaper* of general circulation in such city or village, and accepted by three-fifths of the qualified voters of such city or village voting at the next election and not otherwise; but such charter shall always be in harmony with and subject to the constitution and laws of the state of Minnesota. The legislature may prescribe the duties of the commission relative to submitting amendments of charter to the vote of the people, and shall provide that upon application of five per cent of the legal voters of any city or village, by written petition, such commission shall submit to the vote of the people proposed amendments to such charter set forth in said petition. The board of freeholders above provided for shall be permanent, and all the vacancies by death, disability to perform duties,

resignation or removal from the corporate limits, or expiration of term of office, shall be filled by appointment in the same manner as the original board was created, and said board shall always contain its full complement of members. It shall be a feature of all such charters that there shall be provided, among other things, for a mayor or chief magistrate, and a legislative body of either one or two houses; if of two houses, at least one of them shall be elected by general vote of the electors. In submitting any such charter or amendment thereto to the qualified voters of such city or village any alternate section or article may be presented for the choice of the voters, and may be voted on separately without prejudice to other articles or sections of the charter or any amendments thereto. The legislature may provide general laws relating to affairs of cities, the application of which may be limited to cities of over fifty thousand inhabitants, or to cities of fifty and not less than twenty thousand inhabitants, or to cities of twenty and not less than ten thousand inhabitants, or to cities of ten thousand inhabitants or less, which shall apply equally to all such cities of either class, and which shall be paramount while in force to the provisions relating to the same matter included in the local charter herein provided for. But no local charter, provision or ordinance passed thereunder shall supersede any general law of the state defining or punishing crimes or misdemeanors."

Sec. 2. Shall be submitted to voters.—The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the state for their approval or rejection at the general election for the year 1942 in the manner provided by law for submission of amendments to the constitution and the secretary of state shall place this proposed amendment as No. 1 on the official ballot. The ballots used at the election on the proposed amendment shall have printed thereon: "Shall Article 1V, Section 36, of the constitution be amended so as to simplify, and reduce the expense of publishing, amendments to home rule charters of cities and villages?"

Approved March 14, 1941.

RESOLUTION No. 1—H. F. No. 983

A joint resolution memorializing the president and the Congress of the United States not to repeal or modify the embargo act of 1927 relating to importation of meats from foreign lands.