

towns; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 201.01.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 201.01, is amended to read:

201.01. **Registration in certain cities.** The judges of election in any election district located in any city now or hereafter having not less than 10,000 inhabitants, or *the judges of election* in any municipality now or hereafter having more than 7,000 and less than 10,000 inhabitants and an assessed valuation of more than \$8,000,000 or in any municipality now or hereafter having less than 10,000 inhabitants or *in any town having more than 5,000 inhabitants* when the governing body of such municipality or *such town* shall by ordinance or resolution elect to come within the provisions of this chapter, shall not receive the vote of any person at any election whose name is not registered in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Approved March 16, 1951.

CHAPTER 82—H. F. No. 230

An act relating to the powers of county boards; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 375.18.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 375.18, is amended to read:

375.18. **General powers.** *Subdivision 1. Accounts, examination, settlement allowance.* Each county board may examine and settle all accounts of the receipts and expenses of the county, and examine, settle, and allow all accounts, demands, and causes of action against the same, and, when so settled, issue county orders therefor, as provided by law.

Subd. 2. Manage property, funds, business. Each county board may have the care of the county property, and man-

agement of the county funds and business, except in cases otherwise provided for, and make such orders concerning the same as *it deems* expedient.

Subd. 3. Courthouse and jail. Each county board may erect, furnish, and maintain a suitable courthouse and jail, but no indebtedness shall be created for such purpose in excess of five mills on each dollar of assessed valuation *without the approval of a majority of the voters of the county voting on the question of issuing the obligation at an election.*

Subd. 4. Towns, powers relating to. Each county board may set off, organize, vacate, and change the boundaries of towns subject to the limitations hereinafter prescribed, designate the time and place of holding the first town meeting therein, and make all necessary orders for the disposition and preservation of the records of any town vacated.

Subd. 5. Towns, division, apportionment of funds. Each county board may apportion, pro rata, according to the assessed valuation, among the several parts of a town divided by it, any funds of such town not raised or theretofore appropriated for a purpose inconsistent with such apportionment.

Subd. 6. Towns, division, apportionment of taxes. Each county board may apportion all uncollected taxes then levied or assessed for the benefit of any town divided by the board, and provide for the payment thereof when collected, pursuant to the apportionment, having due regard to the purpose for which such taxes were levied.

Subd. 7. Transfer of surplus. Each county board may transfer by unanimous vote any surplus beyond the needs of the current year in any county fund to any other such fund to supply a deficiency therein, except in counties having over 75,000 inhabitants.

Subd. 8. County agricultural society, appropriation. Each county board may appropriate to any county agricultural society of its county, which is a member of the state agricultural society, or to any farm improvement association organized by the citizens of two or more counties jointly for the purpose of advancing the agricultural interest of each of such counties, a sum of money not exceeding \$1,000 each, annually; provided, that in any county in which two county agricultural societies are members of the state agricultural

society any appropriation so made shall be divided equally between them; and, in addition to the appropriation above referred to, in all cases where a county owns grounds and buildings used for agricultural fairs and other purposes the county board, by a four-fifths vote, may appropriate annually a sum of money equal to five per cent of the total value of such property in the association or society having the management, control, and direction of agricultural fairs held therein, for the purpose of repairs, upkeep, improvements, extensions, and alterations of such grounds and buildings; and, in all such cases, if the area of any such county is not less than 43, nor more than 45, full or fractional congressional townships and the population thereof is not less than 25,000, nor more than 31,000, according to the last federal census, such additional appropriation may be a sum not exceeding ten per cent of the total value of such property.

Subd. 9. **County fairs, purchase or condemn lands.**
Each county board may purchase or condemn land with such improvements, if any, as may be thereon, for the purpose of holding thereon agricultural fairs and exhibitions and appropriate money in payment therefor, not exceeding the sum of \$5,000, and such county board may purchase or condemn land for holding such fairs and exhibitions thereon and appropriate money in payment therefor in excess of the sum of \$5,000 when authorized so to do by a vote of the people; accept and receive a donation or donations to be used to obtain lands for the purpose of holding thereon agricultural fairs and exhibitions and in such case and for such purpose, without being authorized by a vote of the people, to purchase or condemn lands not exceeding in value the amount of such donation or donations; improve and erect structures thereon, for which purpose they may receive donations of money, materials or labor; and lease such land from time to time to agricultural and other societies of similar nature and establish reasonable rules and regulations under which such land may be used by all such societies in the county; provided, that all structures and improvements made on such land by societies using the same shall belong to the county.

(All proceedings for the condemnation of such lands shall be had under the provisions of chapter 117).

Subd. 10. **Erection of memorials to veterans.** *Each county board may appropriate, in counties having a population of not more than 20,000, a sum not exceeding \$10,000,*

and in counties having a population of more than 20,000, and less than 100,000, a sum not exceeding \$20,000, to erect or aid in erecting a monument or other memorial to the soldiers and sailors of the nation, such monument or other memorial to be constructed on the court-house square, or in a public park at the county-seat, or in a cemetery adjacent to the county-seat, or elsewhere in the county-seat.

Subd. 11. Construction of railways. Each county board may authorize by resolution any person, company, or corporation to construct and maintain railway lines to be operated by other than steam power upon any public road outside of cities and villages not boulevarded or parked, for a period not exceeding 25 years, upon the terms as to use and occupation prescribed in such resolution; the use so granted not to interfere with the reasonable use of such road as a highway, and to cease in case of the vacation thereof, unless proceedings to condemn are taken within six months thereafter and diligently prosecuted; provided, that such railway and its property shall be subject to taxation by such methods and at such rate as the proper authorities may from time to time prescribe in accordance with law.

Subd. 12. Parks, acquisition of land. Each county board may acquire by gift or purchase and improve not exceeding one acre of land within the county, for use as a park, site for a building, or other public purpose, and, when required by the public interest, sell and convey the same; which land may be paid for out of moneys in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated, or by issuing bonds of the county.

Subd. 13. Powers conferred by law. Each county board may exercise such other powers as are or may be conferred upon them by law.

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CHAPTER 83—H. F. No. 251

An act relating to the compensation of the secretary and members of the board of barber examiners; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 154.23.