

strumentality operating the property. Such city of the first class or board or instrumentality thereof may pay the amount so determined or such lesser amount as it determines is the measure of the benefit received by the land from the improvement. In addition to any authority now possessed by the park board of any such city of the first class to levy taxes it may levy upon the taxable property of such city a tax sufficient to raise the amount so determined as the benefit to the property owned or operated by such park board.

Subd. 4. When any local improvement has been heretofore made and special assessments have been levied to finance all or part of the cost of such improvement under any law or charter not to expressly authorizing assessments against public property, any governmental unit *or any city of the first class or board or instrumentality of a city of the first class* owning property benefited by such improvement may pay to the city, village, borough or town making the improvement the amount of any benefit received therefrom not in excess of the amount that would have been assessable against such property were it privately owned.

Subd. 5. This section shall not modify any law or charter provision authorizing the imposition of special assessments against governmental units.

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CHAPTER 145—H. F. No. 383

An act relating to elections on the sale of liquor in certain municipalities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 340.20, 340.21, and 340.323.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 340.20 is amended to read:

340.20 Intoxicating liquors; local option elections, petition; cities of fourth class. The ~~village~~ recorder or clerk of any village or city of the fourth class of ~~this state~~ shall, upon the petition of a number of legal voters of the ~~village~~ *village or city of the fourth class* equal to 30 percent of the persons voting at the last election in such ~~village~~ *village or city of the fourth class* or 200 legal voters of the ~~village~~ *village or city of the fourth class* whichever is the lesser number, filed with him at least 15 days before the ~~annual~~ *village regular* election thereof, give notice at the same time and in the same manner as the notice of such election that the question of granting license

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in such ~~village~~ *village or city of the fourth class* for the sale of intoxicating liquor will be submitted for determination at such election. At such election, when so petitioned for, the question shall be voted upon by a separate ballot, the terms of which shall be either "for license" or "against license," which ballot shall be deposited in a separate ballot box to be provided in each voting precinct and the result of such voting shall be duly canvassed, certified and returned in the same manner and at the same time as the other facts and returns of the election.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 340.21, is amended to read:

340.21 **Result of election.** If a majority of all the ballots cast upon such question at such election shall be "for license" the council of the ~~village~~ *village or city of the fourth class* may grant license for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the ensuing license year, but if such majority shall be "against license" then no such license shall be granted and such vote shall remain in force until reversed at a subsequent ~~annual~~ *regular* election at which the question of license is again and in like manner submitted.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 340.323 is amended to read:

340.323 **Certification.** Whenever a local option election is held in a ~~village~~ *municipality*, pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, 340.20 and 340.21, the ~~village~~ *clerk or recorder* shall certify the results of any such election to the secretary of state within ten days from the date on which such election was held.

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CHAPTER 146—H. F. No. 589

An act relating to forestry and the administration of forest fire protection; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 88.01, 88.04, 88.05, 88.06, 88.08, 88.09, 88.10, 88.11, 88.12, 88.13, 88.14, 88.16, 88.17, 88.18, and 88.19; and repealing Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 88.07.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 88.01, is amended to read:

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