

ter or question to be voted upon, and, if it is to authorize the appropriation of money, creation of a debt, or levy of a tax, shall state the amount thereof. Notice of such election shall be given as in the case of special elections, and if the question submitted be adopted, the board shall pass an appropriate resolution to carry the same into effect. In all such elections the form of the ballot shall be: "In favor of (here state the substance of the resolution to be submitted), Yes No."—with a square opposite each of the words "Yes" and "No," in one of which the voter shall make a cross to indicate his choice; *provided, that the county board may call a special county election upon any such question to be held within 60 days after a resolution of that effect shall be adopted by the county board. Upon the adoption of such a resolution the county auditor shall post and publish notices of such election as required by Laws 1929, chapter 297, section 6. The election shall be conducted and the returns canvassed in the manner prescribed by said Laws 1929, chapter 297, so far as practicable.*"

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CHAPTER 385—S. F. No. 1111

*An act to enable each city of the first class of this state now or hereafter having a population of 50,000 inhabitants or more, including each such city operating under a charter adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 36, Article 4, of the state constitution to acquire either by purchase, condemnation or otherwise certain interests or rights in land which grant to the owners thereof exemptions from special assessments for park or parkway purposes or both.*

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

**Section. 1. Cities may acquire exempt property.**—Each city of the first class now or hereafter having a population of 50,000 inhabitants or more, including each such city operating under a charter adopted pursuant to the provisions of Section 36, Article 4, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise

any right or interest in land either platted or unplatted within the limits of said city, which interest in land consists of a right or privilege in the owner of said land to offset certain amounts against special assessments levied by the governing body, the city council or the board of park commissioners of such city for park or parkway purposes, or both.

**Sec. 2. Right of eminent domain.**—In the event that the chief governing body, city council or board of park commissioners of such city shall exercise such right by condemnation such body may do so under any laws provided for the condemnation of real property or eminent domain or under any provision of the charter of such city granting to such body the right of condemnation or eminent domain; or, it being for the best interests of such city, such chief governing board, city council, or board of park commissioners shall have the power and authority to acquire said rights by purchase, taking into consideration the present worth of such right to exemption and the probability or improbability that such exemptions would ever be used as an offset to future assessments for benefits.

**Sec. 3. May issue bonds.**—In order to carry out the purpose of this Act each such city is hereby authorized to issue bonds, or certificates of indebtedness to secure funds for the amount necessary to acquire said right, and the city council or other chief governing body shall levy annually a tax on all the taxable property of the city sufficient to meet the interest and the principal about to mature on said bond.

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#### CHAPTER 386—S. F. No. 1121

*An act authorizing defendants to give surety bonds, recognizances or undertakings in criminal cases.*

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

**Section 1. Corporate bonds authorized in criminal cases.**—Any defendant required to give a bond, recognizance or undertaking to secure his appearance in any criminal case in any court of