

said city. The voters at such election voting in favor of such ordinance, shall use ballots having written or printed thereon the words "*For Railroad Bonds*," and those voting against said ordinance shall use ballots having written or printed thereon the words "*Against Railroad Bonds*." If a majority of the votes cast at such election shall be in favor of the approval of said ordinance, the city council shall publish said ordinance as other city ordinances are published, and the same shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication. But if a majority of the votes cast at such election shall be against the approval of said ordinance, then the said ordinance shall be null and void.

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage.

When act to
take effect.

Approved February 16, 1869.

CHAPTER XLIII.

An Act to enable certain Townships and Incorporated Towns and Cities to aid in the construction of railroads.

Feb'y 23, 1869.

- SECTION 1. Any township, incorporated city or town in the counties of Steele and Freeborn authorized to issue bonds—for what purpose.
2. How special elections may be called—for what purpose.
 3. How elections conducted.
 4. To notify County Auditor the result of said election—duty of County Auditor.
 5. How taxes to be levied and collected—proceeds how expended.
 6. When act to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall be lawful for any township, incorporated city or town in the counties of Steele and Freeborn, in this state, through which any railway has

To issue bonds
—for what purpose.

been or hereafter may be located, or to which it may be contiguous, to aid in the construction thereof, as herein-after provided.

SEC. 2. Whenever any petition shall be presented to the board of supervisors of any township, or to the council or trustees of an incorporated city or town, signed by ten of the resident tax payers of such township, city or incorporated town, asking the question of aiding in the construction of any railway or railroad to be submitted to the voters thereof and fixing the rate not exceeding five per cent. upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, it shall be their duty to file in the office of the town clerk, or clerk of such city or incorporated town, said petition and a written statement that a special meeting is necessary to the interest of the town, city or incorporated village, and it shall be the duty of the clerk to record the same, and give notice of a special meeting as is now required by law relating to special town meetings, which notice shall specify the rate of tax to be raised as set forth in the petition, not exceeding five per cent. upon the assessed valuation of the property in said township, city or incorporated village, at which election the question of "taxation," or "no taxation," shall be submitted.

How special election may be called—for what purpose.

SEC. 3. Said elections shall be conducted as general or special town meetings are now required by law to be conducted.

How elections conducted.

SEC. 4. If a majority of the votes polled be "for taxation," then in that case, the proper officers shall certify to the auditor of the county, (in like manner as they are now required to certify in the vote of a township tax) the result of said vote, and the rate of tax to be levied as fixed by said vote, and it shall be the duty of the auditor to carry the tax so returned unto the next tax rolls, in like manner as he is now required to carry on any other tax voted by a township.

To notify county auditor the result of election—his duty.

SEC. 5. Said tax shall be collected in same manner as state and county taxes are collected, and the same shall be paid out by the county treasurer upon the order of the president or managing director of the railroad company, whose road such tax is voted to aid, countersigned by the county auditor, which order shall be accompanied by a certificate of the engineer in charge of the road, showing that an equal amount has been expended for the construction of such work within such county; *And it is hereby provided*, That the taxes so raised by any township, city

How taxes levied and collected—proceeds how expended.

or town shall be only expended to aid in the construction of such road within such township or the one contiguous thereto, as near as practicable. *Provided*, That any tax payer, producing to the county treasurer prior to the collection of the tax, a voucher of the proper officer of the railroad company, showing his tax has been paid to the satisfaction of the company, shall, on filing the same with the county treasurer, be discharged from the tax.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. When act to take effect.

Approved February 23, 1869.

CHAPTER XLIV.

An Act to amend Chapter twenty-four, of the Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, entitled an act to authorize the towns of Fillmore, Mower, Freeborn, Faribault, Martin and Jackson counties to issue bonds to aid in the construction of any railroads running into or through said counties. Feb'y 27, 1869.

SECTION 1. Amendment to Section two (2) of Chapter twenty-four (24), Special Laws of 1868. To be issued in sums of not less than one hundred dollars each
—at what rate of interest—extension of time for redemption.

2. When act to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. That section two, of chapter twenty-four, of the special laws of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The said bonds shall be issued in sums of not less than one hundred dollars each; may bear interest at a rate not exceeding ten per cent. per annum, payable

Denomination—
rate of interest
—time of re-
demption ex-
tended.