

shall make proper affidavit of such publication, and file with the county auditor of the county affected by said special laws.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its pas- When act to
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CHAPTER 111.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERVISORS OF THE SEVERAL TOWNSHIPS AFFLICTED BY GRASSHOPPERS TO LEVY A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF BOUNTIES FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF GRASSHOPPERS AND THEIR EGGS.

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

SECTION 1. The boards of supervisors of any township and the common council of any city, village, town or borough in the State of Minnesota, afflicted by grasshoppers, deeming it necessary, and for the best interest of said township, city, village, town or borough, to levy a tax upon the taxable property of said township, city, village, town or borough, for the purpose of raising money to pay for the destruction of grasshoppers and their eggs, are hereby authorized to levy such tax, provided the legal voters of such township, city, village, town or borough, shall vote to levy the same at their annual town meetings. Tax levy for grasshoppers.

SEC. 2. The said supervisors and common councils shall direct the town clerks, city recorder, village, town and borough clerks, to insert in the notice of the annual town meetings required by law to be given, a notice that a vote of the qualified electors of such township, city, village, town or borough will be taken at such town meeting to determine whether a tax shall be levied upon the taxable property of said township, city, village, town or borough for the purpose of the aforesaid; and the said town clerk, city recorder, village, town or borough clerk shall give such notice, and shall specify the amount to be raised for that purpose. Notice of voting for same.

SEC. 3. The qualified electors of such township, city, village, town or borough, assembled at the time and place so designated in said notice for holding such town meeting, shall, before the opening of the polls on that day, consider How determined.

and determine whether the amount so specified to be raised, shall be levied for that purpose, and they shall have power to raise or lower the said amount, and after the amount to be raised shall have been settled and determined upon, the proposition to levy the said tax in the manner aforesaid shall be submitted to the legal voters of said township, city, village, town, or borough, for their approval or rejection; and there shall be printed or written on the ballots to be used at such town meetings, the words, "For levying a tax for the destruction of grasshoppers," or, "Against levying tax for the destruction of grasshoppers."

SEC. 4. If a majority of the voters voting at such town meetings shall vote in favor of levying said tax, said supervisors and common council shall levy and assess the same according to law, in the manner provided for levying town taxes. *Provided, however,* that said tax shall not exceed five (5) mills on the dollar.

Payment—how made.

SEC. 5. In case a majority of the qualified voters of said township, city, village, town or borough, shall vote to levy such tax, the said supervisors and common council shall cause to be transmitted to the county auditors of the county, a statement of the tax so levied, and such tax shall be collected and the payment thereof enforced in like manner as State and county taxes, and collected and the payment thereof enforced, and the county treasurer shall pay such taxes over as fast as collected to the treasurer of such township; city, village, town and borough, to be by said treasurer received and kept for the purpose aforesaid.

Appropriation of fund.

SEC. 6. All moneys raised under the provisions of this act, shall be expended for the purpose hereinbefore specified, (and for no other purpose), under and by the direction of the supervisors of said townships and the common council of said city, village, town or borough, and the same shall be paid out by said treasurer of said township, city, village, town or borough upon the warrant of said supervisors or common council, duly signed and countersigned by the proper officers, as required by law in such cases.

When tax may not be levied.

SEC. 7. If at any time after the said legal voters shall have voted to levy such tax, and before the report thereof shall have been transmitted to the county auditor, the said supervisors or common council shall determine that it will not be necessary to levy such tax, they shall notify the said clerks of their determination, and the said report shall not be transmitted to said county auditors.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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