

CHAPTER 55.

AN ACT TO AMEND "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NORTHFIELD" SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS AS A BEVERAGE.

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

SECTION 1. That the power granted to the common council of the city of Northfield by "an act to authorize the incorporation of the city of Northfield," approved February twenty-sixth (26th), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five (1875), to grant license to all persons dealing in spirituous, vinous or fermented liquors is hereby revoked; and hereafter no license shall be granted by the common council, nor by the county commissioners of Rice county to sell, give away, or traffic in any spirituous, vinous or fermented liquors within the limits of said city, except for medicinal, mechanical or chemical purposes.

SEC. 2. Any person who, within the limits of said city, shall sell, give away, or in any manner dispose of any spirituous, vinous or fermented liquors as a beverage, or for any other than medicinal, mechanical or chemical purposes, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall upon conviction thereof before one of the city justices of said city, be punished by a fine not less than twenty-five (25) dollars nor more than one hundred (100) dollars, and costs of prosecution for each and every offence, and by imprisonment in the prison of said city, or in the common jail of Rice county until such fine and costs are paid, not exceeding ninety (90) days, and there shall be no appeal from the decision of the justice when the judgment or fine imposed shall not exceed twenty-five (25) dollars exclusive of costs.

SEC. 3. All houses, depots, buildings of any kind, or places within the limits of said city, where spirituous, vinous, or fermented liquors are sold, given away, or in any manner disposed of except for medicinal, mechanical or chemical purposes are, hereby declared, and shall be deemed public or common nuisances.

SEC. 4. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said city at the first annual meeting of said electors after the passage of this act. The city recorder of said city shall give at least ten days notice before said meeting that the question of a prohibitory amendment will be submitted to the legal voters of said city at said election. The ballots used at said election shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed upon them the following words: "For prohibitory amendment," or "Against prohibitory amendment." The votes upon said question shall be deposited in a box by themselves, and shall be taken, canvassed and returned in the same manner, and by the

same persons as the votes for the elective officers of said city, and if such returns show that a majority of votes are "for prohibitory amendment," then this act shall take effect and be in force as a part of the charter of said city on and after the first (1st) day of May one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878.) *Provided*, if there are not ten days intervening between the passage of this act and the first annual meeting of said electors thereafter, then it shall be the duty of the city recorder of said city to give at least ten (10) days notice of a special meeting of said electors to be holden March twenty-first (21st), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), at some convenient place within the limits of said city, at which meeting said electors may settle the question of said amendment by vote as hereinbefore provided, and it shall be the duty of the proper officers to provide for the taking, canvassing and returning of said votes as in the case of votes for elective officers of said city, and if the returns of such special meeting show a majority of votes "for prohibitory amendment," then this act shall take effect as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 27, 1878.

CHAPTER 56.

AN ACT TO AMEND CITY CHARTER OF PRESTON, FILLMORE COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

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

SECTION 1. That section four (4) of chapter five (5) of special laws of Minnesota, approved March fourth (4th), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one (1871) entitled an act to incorporate the village of Preston, be amended by striking out the word "May" in the second line of said section and inserting the word "April" in lieu thereof.

SEC. 2. That section thirteen (13) of chapter four (4) of said act be amended by adding thereto the following:

"All purchases of real estate by the village council of said village heretofore made are hereby legalized, and any conveyance of land heretofore or hereafter made to said village shall be deemed valid as vesting an absolute title to lands conveyed therein in said village, and shall be received in all courts in this State as evidence of such title.

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

Approved March 4, 1878.