

CHAPTER 103.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE (359), SPECIAL LAWS OF A. D. ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE (1881), BEING AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A PLAT COMMISSION FOR RAMSEY COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. Section one (1) of chapter three hundred and fifty-nine (359), special laws A. D. of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), is hereby amended by adding the following to said section, viz.: Said plat commissioners shall at their first (1st) meeting in January of each and every year, elect one (1) of their number as chairman and one (1) of their number as secretary. Said chairman shall preside at all meetings of the board, and in his absence one (1) of the other members shall preside temporarily and shall perform such duties as usually pertain to chairmen of similar organizations. The secretary shall keep the records and minutes of the board in books, maps, plats or other documents, as the nature of the case may be, to be procured by the secretary on the authority of the board, and shall be paid for by the county commissioners of Ramsey county, upon the presentation of proper vouchers therefor duly signed by the chairman of the said commission. Said secretary shall be the custodian of all maps, records and documents belonging to said commission or board which are hereby declared to be public records, as also the present records now in their possession and shall deliver them to his duly qualified successor in office.

SEC. 2. Said chapter three hundred and fifty-nine (359), special laws of A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), is hereby amended by adding the following section to said law:

Sec. 3. The fee on all maps or plats having a less number than thirty (30) lots, blocks or parcels thereon shall be three (3) dollars for each and every such map or plat. Also on all maps or plats having curved lines of streets, avenues, parks, blocks, lots or parcels of land, the radius of each must be distinctly shown by letters and figures on said plats or maps, also the boundary of the land so platted shall be shown by a red dotted line, and in cases of the platting of rearrangements or subdivisions of lots and blocks, the original platting and description of the same shall be shown on the plat or map of such rearrangement or subdivision by faint lines, letters or figures; *Provided further*, That in all cases of plats or maps presented for approval whereon streets, alleys, parks, boulevards, avenues, etc., or any of them are dedicated to the public, the owner, agent or person presenting the same shall submit to the plat commission an abstract of title of the land so platted, and if it shall appear that any mortgage lien exists

on said land, the approval of the plat commission shall be withheld until a release of said mortgage or mortgages is properly made, so far as the same may relate to any streets, alleys, parks, boulevards, avenues, etc., so dedicated to the public. And it is hereby made the duty of the register of deeds of Ramsey county to notify, in writing, the plat commission of all maps or plats that may be filed for record in his office after the passage of this act.

SEC. 3. *Strike out all of that part of said section one (1) as relates to the dedication of public parks and insert the following in lieu thereof: "No maps or plats embracing an area of twenty (20) acres or more, of any new addition of lots or blocks in or to the city of St. Paul shall ever be accepted by said plat commission unless a part of the same shall be dedicated to the public as a public park, of such size or area as the plat commission may prescribe, of not less than one-twentieth (1-20th) part of the area so laid out into blocks and lots exclusive of streets and alleys; Provided, The said plat commission may in its discretion require the dedication of a park to the public in such cases where the area of the land platted is of such area and topography as in the judgment of said commission the public interest would require a portion of the same to be dedicated for park purposes."*

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1885.

CHAPTER 104.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO EXTEND THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL."

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

SECTION 1. That section three (3) of an act entitled "An act to extend the limits of the city of Saint Paul," approved March third (3d), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (1885), be amended by inserting immediately after the twenty-eighth (28th) word of said section three (3) the words "of the existing bonded indebtedness and."

SEC. 2. This act shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1885.