

CHAPTER 51.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE (1) OF THE SPECIAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, APPROVED MARCH SIXTH (6TH), ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE (1883), ENTITLED "AN ACT TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FERGUS FALLS."

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

SECTION 1. That section three (3) of chapter one (1) of chapter one (1) of the special laws of the state of Minnesota, approved March sixth (6th), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three (1883), be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3. Said city shall comprise, and is hereby divided into, three (3) wards, as follows: The first (1st) ward shall comprise all the territory within said limits south of the Red river, except the southwest quarter (4) of section thirty-six (36), township one hundred and thirty-three (133), range forty-three (43). The second (2d) ward shall comprise the said southwest quarter (4) of section thirty-six (36), township one hundred and thirty-three (133), range forty-three (43), together with all territory within said limits, north of said Red river and east of a line described as follows: Commencing at a point on Red river, directly south of the centre line of Mill street, thence northerly on the centre line of said Mill street to the south shore of Lake Alice, thence westerly along the south shore of said Lake Alice to the east line of the west one-half (4) of the east one-half (4) of section thirty-four (34), township one hundred and thirty-three (133,) range forty-three (43); thence northerly on the forty (40) line to the northeast corner of the northwest quarter (4) of the southeast quarter (4) of section twenty-seven (27), same township and range. The third (3d) ward shall comprise all the territory within said limits north of said Red river and west of the west line of the said second (2d) ward.

SEC. 2. That section one (1) of chapter five (5) of said chapter one (1) be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. The city council shall in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (1885), and every year thereafter, appoint a city assessor, who shall hold his office for the term of one (1) year, and shall have power to appoint a deputy or deputies, with the consent of the city council. Said assessor shall be allowed from the first (1st) day of May to the fourth (4th) Monday of June, of each year, to make out the assessments of said city.

SEC. 3. That section three (3) of chapter five (5) of said chapter one (1) be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3. The standing committee on taxes of the city council shall

constitute a board of equalization, who shall be sworn according to law as such board, and meet at the city council room in said city on the fourth (4th) Monday of June of every year and revise, amend and equalize the assessments on the roll of said assessors. It shall be the duty of the assessors to be present at all meetings of the said board of equalization, to present before the board all facts relating to the assessment. Such board of equalization is vested with all the powers which are or may be vested in county boards of equalization under the general laws of the state, so far as applicable, but shall not be restricted by any limitation in respect to reducing aggregate sums of real or personal property, as returned by the assessors.

SEC. 4. That section four (4) of chapter five (5) of said chapter one (1) be amended by striking out the words "first day of August," in the fourth (4th) line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "third (3d) Monday of July."

SEC. 5. That section five (5) of chapter five (5) of said chapter one (1) be amended by striking out the words "first Thursday of August," in the ninth (9th) line of said section five (5), and insert in lieu thereof the words "third (3d) Monday of July."

SEC. 6. That section thirty-six (36) of chapter five (5) of said chapter one (1) be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 36. The city council shall, on the first (1st) Monday of May in each year, require of the bank or banks applying for deposits, as provided in section thirty-four (34) of this chapter, sealed proposals or bids, stating the amount of interest such bank or banks will pay on monthly balances of the funds of said city to be deposited as herein provided; and said city council shall let the deposits of said city to the bank offering the greatest amount of interest therefor; *Provided*, That when two (2) or more banks make the same bid for such deposits, then the said city council shall designate in what bank or banks said funds shall be deposited, or the proportion of such funds which each bank shall have; *Provided, further*, That the total amount deposited in any bank shall not at any time exceed one-half (1/2) of the amount of the bonds of said bank to the city.

SEC. 7. That section thirty-seven (37) of chapter five (5) of said chapter one (1) be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 37. The city treasurer shall make bi-monthly statements of the amount of moneys deposited, as hereinbefore provided, in each bank separately, and file such statement with the city clerk, who shall present the same to the city council at its next regular meeting thereafter.

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

Approved March 4, 1885.