

made a separate election district and a separate assessment district and separate from the town or towns in which such village is situated for all purposes. Provided, that it shall be lawful for any township in which any such village, so to be separated, is situated, to hold its town meeting and elections within the limits of such village at a place to be designated therefor, but no resident of such village shall have the right to vote at such town meeting or election.

SEC. 2. In case any village and the town or towns in which any village is located shall have heretofore jointly or together contracted any bonded or other indebtedness, then and in every such case it shall be the duty of the county auditor in the county in which such village and town or towns are located, to apportion the amount of taxes necessary to be levied in each year to pay interest and principal of such indebtedness as the same may become due and payable upon the taxable property of such village and town or towns pro rata, according to the valuation of such town or towns and village, until such joint indebtedness, with the interest thereon, is fully paid. Where such indebtedness is to be provided for by tax levied upon the property of such village and town or towns jointly, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors in each of the towns thereby affected to file with the county auditor a statement showing the amount of tax to be raised for such purpose.

SEC. 3. If by a majority vote the proposition carries, then within ten days after the election the village recorder shall notify the county auditor of the county in which said village is located; and the county auditor shall after that time keep the records and tax list separate and distinct from the town or towns in which such village is located, in the same manner as the town records and tax lists are kept.

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

Approved April 1, 1893.

CHAPTER 200.

An act to provide for the bonding of villages.

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

SECTION 1. Every village of this state is hereby authorized to issue its bonds for the purpose of raising money for any lawful public improvement therein by conforming to the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. Whenever the village council or other similar body in any village of this state shall determine, by resolution duly passed and recorded, to raise the amount of money stated in such resolution for the purpose of erecting any public building or making any other lawful improvement therein; or when a petition addressed to such

Not to affect location of town elections.

If adopted tax records to be separate.

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May be bonded for any lawful improvement.

Petition to be signed therefor.

village council or other similar body and signed by at least twenty-five of the voters and freeholders residing in any such village, setting forth in such petition that it is the desire of such petitioners that the said village shall erect such public building or make such other lawful public improvement therein, the cost whereof shall not exceed the amount named in such petition, which said building or improvement shall be generally described in such petition, it shall be the duty of such village council or similar body to cause the proposition expressed in such resolution or petition to be submitted to the electors of such village at the next annual village election to be held therein, or at such special election as the said council or other similar body shall by resolution designate.

Question to be voted at annual election.

SEC. 3. There shall be provided by the village in case of such election a suitable box in which all ballots cast at such election for or against such proposition shall be deposited. There shall be printed on such ballots in apt terms the substance of such proposition, following which shall be printed in appropriate manner the words "yes" and "no" on two separate lines, and every person desiring to vote in favor of such proposition shall make his cross-mark thus X opposite the word "yes," and every person desiring to vote against such proposition shall make such mark opposite the word "no." The said election shall be conducted and the votes cast thereat shall be canvassed and counted, and the result thereof certified in like manner as in the case of an election for village officers.

Form of ballot and voting.

SEC. 4. If a majority of the votes cast at such election be in favor of such proposition the said council or other similar body may issue and negotiate the bonds of such village to the amount necessary for the erection of such building or the making of such improvement, provided that such bonds shall not be negotiated or sold for less than their par value.

On a favorable vote bonds may be issued.

Provided, that no village shall be authorized to issue or sell its bonds to an amount so that the aggregate bonded indebtedness thereof shall at any one time exceed ten per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property of such village as indicated by the last preceding assessment of such property.

Provided further, that all such bonds shall be due and payable in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of such bonds.

SEC. 5. Before any such village shall be authorized to issue its bonds as hereinbefore provided, the common council or other similar body thereof shall give notice by publication for three consecutive weeks in at least two weekly or daily newspapers printed in said county, if any be printed and published therein, and by a similar publication for the same length of time in a weekly or daily newspaper printed at the capital of the state, all

Public notice of bids for sale of bonds.

of which said newspapers shall be designated therefor by the resolution of such council or other similar body; that said council or other similar body will receive bids for the sale of such bonds at the time and place to be named in such notice.

Awarding the bonds to bidders.

SEC. 6. At the time and place named in such notice the said council or other similar body shall open and consider the said bids, and may thereupon award the sale of such bonds to the person, company or corporation offering to negotiate the same upon terms the most advantageous for the interests of such village; provided, that the said council or other similar body may reject any and all bids offered for the purchase of such bonds, if they deem the welfare of the village to require it.

Disposition of the money realized.

SEC. 7. The moneys realized upon the sale of such bonds shall be placed in the village treasury and devoted, so far as may be necessary, to the purpose named in such resolution or petition, and the residue thereof, after the cost and expenses incident to the erection of such building or the making of such other public improvement shall have been paid and discharged, shall be paid into the general fund of such village.

Village defined

SEC. 8. The term "village," as herein used, shall be held to mean a village organized either under a general law or by special charter.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 10, 1893.

H. F. No. 151.

CHAPTER 201.

Special assessments by villages and cities.

An act to legalize special assessments heretofore made by cities and villages, upon private property, to pay for local improvements.

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

Legalizing same.

SECTION 1. That the assessments heretofore made by any of the cities or villages of this state upon private property for the purpose of paying for local improvements in such cities or villages are hereby legalized and declared to be as valid and binding a lien against the property assessed as they would have been if the laws and statutes authorizing and providing for such assessments had been fully and strictly complied with. Provided, that the provisions of this act shall not be construed to apply to cases where an action or other proceeding is now pending to test the validity of the assessments heretofore made against any particular piece of property.

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

Approved March 18, 1893.