an adjoining township in the same county if it shall seem to them proper, whenever petitioned to do so by not less than two-thirds (%) of the legal voters residing in such fraction; and the fact that any such petition is so signed by two-thirds (%) of such voters may be proved by the affidavit of any legal voter residing in such fraction having knowledge of the fact; and any township having two or more villages or cities, each containing two hundred or more inhabitants, may petition the county commissioners for a division; and whenever the county commissioners are so petitioned, they may, if they think the interest of such town will be subserved thereby, proceed to divide such townships in such manner as will best suit the convenience of the state; provided, however. that at least twenty days notice shall first be given by the county commissioners to the chairman of the board of supervisors of each township affected by the change, before action is taken thereon; provided further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to release any property in or belonging to that part of any township so detached from any tax levied or assessed, prior to such division being made; provided, that the part or portion of any town annexed to any other town, and any village or city separated from any town under the provisions of this act, shall not be released from or in any way discharged from the payment of any bonded or other indebtedness that may exist against the town from which separation has been made.

When to take effect.

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

Approved April 25, 1895.

H. F. No. 725.

CHAPTER 10.

To amend Sec. 78 Chap. 10 G. S. 1878.

An act to amend section seventy-eight (78) of chapter ten (10) of the general statutes of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight (1878), relating to the duties of town clerk.

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

SECTION 1. That section seventy-eight (78) of chapter ten (10) of the general statutes of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight (1878) be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 78. Such report shall be produced and publicly read by the town clerk at the next ensuing town meeting; and the whole or any portion of such report may

Report to be read at ensuing town meeting and posted.

be referred, by the order of the meeting, to a committee, whose duty it shall be to examine the same and report thereon to such meeting. It shall also be the duty of the town clerk to post a copy of such report in a conspicuous place where such town meeting is held, at least half an hour before the time for holding such meeting, and the clerk shall be paid for said copy half the fees he is entitled to charge for making the original report."

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

and after its passage.

Approved April 25, 1895.

CHAPTER 11.

S. F. No. 167.

An act to amend sections 129 and 144 of chapter To amend Sec. eight of the general statutes of Minnesota of 1878, Chap 8 G. S. relating to the office of county auditor and county 1878. treasurer.

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

Section 1. That section 129 of chapter eight of general statutes of 1878 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 129. There shall be elected in each organized Auditor to be elected in each county a county auditor, who shall hold his office for organized two years, from the first Monday of January next suc- county. ceeding his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and shall keep his office at the county seat.'

SEC. 2. That section 144 of said chapter be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 144. In each organized county there shall be elected a county treasurer whose term of office shall commence on the first Monday of January next succeeding his election, and continue for two years and until his successor is elected and qualified."

Treasurer-

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

Approved March 5, 1895.