CHAPTER 226.

An act to provide for a levy of taxes for state pur- Tax levy. poses for the years ending July thirty-first (31st), one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six (1896) and July thirty-first (31st) one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897).

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of defraying the expenses \$960,000 for of the state for the fiscal year ending July thirty-first year ending July thirty-first (31st), one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-six (1896), a tax of nine hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$960,000), or as near that amount as practicable, shall be levied on all the taxable property of the state: provided, that the tax hereby levied shall not exceed the rate of one and five-tenths mills on each dollar of taxable property.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of \$960,000 tor the state for the fiscal year ending July thirty-first year ending July 31, 1897. (31st), one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897), a tax of nine hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$960,000) or as near that amount as practicable, shall be levied on all the taxable property of the state; . provided, that the tax hereby levied shall not exceed the rate of one and five-tenth mills on each dollar of taxable property.

SEC. 3. All taxes levied under the provisions of this General act, when collected and paid into the state treasury, shall be placed to the credit of the general revenue fund only.

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

Approved April 25th 1895.

CHAPTER 227.

An act to authorize the division of organized towns, organized by board of county commissioners, in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever thirteen or more legal voters Division-peresiding in any organized town in this state embracing more than two congressional townships, shall petition the board of county commissioners of the county in

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which said town is situated, setting forth the facts that said town is so divided by lakes, rivers, marshes, or other natural impediments, or that by reason of large area it is inconvenient for any considerable part of the citizens of said town to transact town business, and requesting that said town be divided into two or more towns the said board of county commissioners shall immediately appoint a time of hearing upon said petition, and cause to be posted in three public places in said town a copy of said petition and a notice of the time and place of such hearing, and serve a copy of such notice and petition on the town clerk of said town, such notice shall be served and posted at least fifteen days before the day of hearing.

SEC. 2. If upon such hearing said board of county commissioners shall find that the facts are true as stated in said petition, and that the public interest will be subserved by the division of said town, they may thereupon divide such to wn into two or more towns, in such manner as they deem best adapted to proper transaction of public business.

SEC. 3. Said board of county commissioners shall establish the boundaries of such new towns as may thus be organized, provide for first election of officers therein, and for naming said towns in the same manner as provided by chapter ten of general statutes of the year 1878, for establishing boundaries, naming of and first election of officers in newly organized towns; *provided*, however, that nothing in this actshall be so construed as to release any property in and belonging to any portion of a town so divided from any tax levied or assessed prior to such division being made, or to release or discharge any of said property from the payment of any bonded or other indebtedness existing against said town at the time such division is made.

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

Approved March 5th, 1895.

Hearing.

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