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such ballot shall be wholly void. Those persons who receive the highest number of votes in any precinct shall be declared elected, and a plurality shall elect, and in case of a tie vote the officer of said primary shall designate by lot which of the persons so tied shall be entitled to be delegate.

SEC. 2. "That section eight (8) of said chapter be amended so as to read as follows:

Delegate conventions. Sec. 8. The duly authorized committee of a political party in the state of Minnesota, or in any county or city of the state, may call a delegate convention for the purpose of electing delegates to another convention. When the convention to which delegates are to be elected is a state convention, all the counties in the state shall hold their convention for the election of delegates to the state convention on the same day, the day to be fixed in the call issued by the duly authorized state committee, and when the convention to which delegates are to be elected is a district convention, composed of more than one county, all the counties composing the district shall hold their conventions on the same day, the day to be fixed in the call issued by the duly authorized committee.

The call shall be issued under the provisions of this act, and the primary election for the election of delegates to such county or city convention shall be conducted under the provisions of this act. *Provided*, this act shall not apply to any political party in any county, city or district polling less than five (5) per centum of the votes cast at the last general election."

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

Approved April 14, 1897.

S. F. No. 238.

CHAPTER 126.

Property exempt from execution. An act to amend section three hundred and ten (310)of chapter sixty-six (66) of the general statutes, eight · een hundred and seventy-eight (1878), relative to property exempt from execution, as amended by chapter five (5) of the "general laws eighteen hundred and seventy-nine (1879)," and being section five thousand and four hundred and fifty-nine (5459) of general statutes one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894).

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

SECTION 1. That section three hundred and ten (310) of chapter sixty-six of "general statutes, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878)," relative to property exempt from execution, as amended by chapter five(5) of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine(1879) be and the same is hereby amended by adding immediately after the "eleventh" subdivision of said section three hundred and ten (310) the following additional subdivision, viz.:

Twelfth-The library, philosophical and chemical or other apparatus used in instruction, belonging to and in use in any university, college, seminary of learning or school for the instruction of youth in this state, indiscriminately open to the public.

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

Approved April 14, 1897.

CHAPTER 127.

An act to compel prisoners in county and village jails Juli prisoners to work on to perform labor upon the public streets, highways, public buildings and grounds, and other places within the county in which they are confined; regulating the manner of performing such labor and prescribing the punishment for violations of the provisions hereof.

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

SECTION 1. Any able-bodied male person over the age Able-bodied males beof sixteen years and not over the age of fifty years now or hereafter confined in any county or village jail in this state under the judgment of any court of record, justice court or any tribunal authorized to imprison for the violation of any law, ordinance, by-law or police regulation, may be required to labor during the whole or part of the time of his sentence, as hereafter provided, and such court or other tribunal, when passing final judgment of imprisonment, whether for non-payment of fine or otherwise, shall have the power to determine, and shall determine, whether such imprisonment shall be at hard labor or not.

SEC. 2. Such labor may be on the public streets or where labor highways, or on or about public buildings or grounds, to be peror at such other public places in the county where conconfined, and during such reasonable time of the day as

tween 16 and 50 years of

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S. F. No. 144.