

nesota for eighteen hundred and ninety-three (1893), is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. That in all cases where any village in this state, incorporated under the provisions of chapter one hundred and forty-five (145) of the general laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (1885), and prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (1891), has heretofore adopted an ordinance or ordinances purporting to grant the right to any person, persons or corporation to construct, operate and maintain in such village water works or gas works, and in all cases where any such village by such ordinance or ordinances, or by an agreement or agreements in writing executed on its behalf by its president and recorder, under authority of a resolution or resolutions of its village council, has heretofore undertaken or attempted, among other things, to contract with such person, persons or corporation, or their assigns, for the furnishing of water or gas to such village, or the inhabitants thereof, and any such person, persons or corporation, or their assigns, has expended money in the construction and maintenance of said water works or gas works, and is now furnishing such village and its inhabitants with water or gas pursuant to such grant or contract, or both, such grant and contract are hereby in all things ratified, legalized and confirmed.

Water and  
gas contracts.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

## CHAPTER 225.

S. F. No. 220.

*An act to amend chapter one hundred and eighty-one (181) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven (1887), entitled "An act to reorganize the state agricultural society and confer police powers upon the board."*

State Agricultural  
Society.

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

SECTION 1. That section three (3) of chapter one hundred and eighty-one (181) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven (1887) be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

Amendment.

Sec. 3. The annual meeting of the state agricultural society shall be held in the state house, or such other place in the city of St. Paul as may be selected by the

Annual meeting  
and election  
of officers.

board of managers, on the second (2d) Tuesday in January, and continue until the second (2d) Thursday in January in each year, at which last named date the following officers shall be elected, namely: A president, two (2) vice presidents, and two (2) managers, which said managers shall serve three (3) years each, and shall take the places of the present managers as their respective terms of office expire, so that two (2) members shall be chosen each year, and each member shall hold his office three (3) years, and the board consist of six (6) members. The governor of the state of Minnesota ex-officio, and three (3) members from the state at large, who shall, after the passage of this act be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall constitute a board of auditors, who shall examine all transactions of the state agricultural society and report to the legislature at each session.

SEC. 2. Section four (4) of chapter one hundred and eighty-one of the general laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven (1887) is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 4. The title to all moneys and property of said state agricultural society shall be and vest in the state of Minnesota, and there shall be no dividend or division of its assets among its members, but all moneys received by said state agricultural society shall be used and employed in the holding of an annual exposition and exhibit of the agricultural, stock-breeding, horticultural, mining, mechanical, industrial and other products and resources of the state of Minnesota, including proper exhibits of the arts, sciences and all other public displays pertinent to or attendant upon exhibitions and expositions of human art industry and skill and for the improvement of the premises described in section one (1), chapter one hundred and seventy-four (174) of the general laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five (1885), the payment of premiums and purses and furnishing such attractions and amusements at such annual expositions as the board of managers of said society shall deem necessary and proper for the success of said expositions.

*Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the payment of any lawful debts that may have heretofore or may hereafter been contracted by said state agricultural society.

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

Approved April 23, 1897.

Title to moneys and property.