

Sec. 207, c. 8,
Laws 1895,
amended.

SECTION 1. That section two hundred and seven (207) of chapter eight (8) of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895) be amended to read as follows:

Composition
of board of
equalization.

Sec. 207. Board of Equalization.—The board of equalization shall consist of the president and four (4) members of the city council, to be chosen by it.

Board to meet
on fourth Mon-
day in June.

Such board shall meet at the city council chamber on the fourth (4th) Monday in June of each year, and the members shall be sworn according to law as such board of equalization, and at such time and from day to day thereafter as they may adjourn to such board shall proceed to amend, revise and equalize the assessments made by the assessor.

Sec. 208, c. 8,
Laws 1895,
amended.

SEC. 2. That section two hundred and eight (208) of chapter eight (8) of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five (1895) be amended to read as follows:

Powers of
board.

Sec. 208. Powers of Board.—Such board shall be vested with all the powers which are or may be vested in county boards of equalization, so far as applicable, but shall not be restricted [restricted] as to reducing the aggregate sum of real or personal property as returned by the assessor. It shall complete such equalization on or before the second (2d) Monday in July of each year, and when completed the same shall be certified to the county auditor by the board of equalization.

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

° Approved April 18, 1899.

H. F. No. 445.

CHAPTER 276.

Villages,
boards of
water and
light in.

An act legalizing the acts of boards of commissioners heretofore appointed or created by the board of trustees of any village for the purpose of operating or managing water, light or electric plants.

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

Acts of boards
legalized.

SECTION 1. Wherever the trustees of any village in this state have heretofore created or appointed a board of commissioners for the purpose of operating or managing any water, light or electric plant belonging to such village, and said board of commissioners has performed any act or taken any proceedings by virtue of such ap-

pointments, all such acts and proceedings are hereby legalized and made of full force and effect.

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

Approved April 18, 1899.

CHAPTER 277.

H. F. No. 85.

An act relating to mechanics' liens, and defining the duties of contractors before becoming entitled to lien, or to bring action to recover the amount due under contract.

Mechanics' liens.

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

SECTION 1. Every person who shall perform work, or furnish material for the erection, construction, alteration or repair of any vessel or other water craft, or for the erection, alteration, repair or removal of any house, mill, manufactory or other building or appurtenance, by virtue of a contract with, or at the instance of, the owner thereof, or his agent or trustee, shall, if demanded through a written notice referring to this act, by the owner, his agent or trustee, furnish a full statement of all amounts due from him for labor performed upon such building or other structure, giving the name and place of residence of each person to whom such amount may be due, if such place of residence is known to such contractor, and the amount due to each such person, and of all amounts owing by him for materials furnished therefor, with the name and address of each person, if such address is known to such contractor, to whom any such sum may be due, and all claims which might be or become liens upon the said property, which statement shall be verified by oath, and no such contractor shall be entitled to file any statement or lien under such contract, nor to commence any action for the recovery of the amount due him on account of any such contract, or any part thereof, until ten (10) days after such statement had been furnished by such contractor; *provided*, that such statement is demanded on or before fifteen days after date of completion of contract or delivery of materials.

Contractor to furnish statement when demanded by owner 15 days after work done.

Contractor not to maintain suit until 10 days after such statement.

The owner of the property to be affected by such claims shall have the right to pay to the person so shown to be entitled thereto, or to his assigns or personal representatives, any such amount so due to him, and to retain and deduct the said amount from the amount due or to be-

Owner may pay according to such statement.