

(1885),” be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. Within sixty (60) days after the passage of this act, and biennially thereafter, there shall be appointed by the governor a board of seven (7) inspectors, one (1) of whom shall reside in each congressional district, whose duty it shall be to inspect all steam boilers in use within the state, not subject to inspection under the laws of the United States and not hereinafter excepted, and to examine and grant certificates of license to steam engineers entrusted with the care and management of steam boilers. *Provided, however,* the provisions of this act shall not apply to heating plants in private residences.

Board of inspectors:
how and
when appointed.

Said inspectors shall examine and license all masters and pilots on inland waters of the state, and such examination shall be conducted, as near as may be, pursuant to the rules and regulations provided by the laws of the United States for the examination of masters and pilots.

Duties of board.

Said inspectors shall hold their respective offices for two (2) years from February first (1st), respectively, and until their successors are appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the governor.

Board to hold office for two years.

Said inspectors shall annually on or before the thirty-first (31st) day of January, render a report to the secretary of state, and to the legislature, showing a detailed statement of the number of inspections made, licenses issued, and the amount of fees received therefor, also showing the amount of disbursements of their offices.

Board to report to secretary of state and legislature inspections, licenses, etc.

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

Approved March 22, 1899.

CHAPTER 92.

H. F. No. 230.

An act proposing an amendment to section six (6) of article eight (8) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota relating to school funds, education and science.

School funds; amendment.

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

SECTION 1. The following amendment to section six (6) of article eight (8) of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota is hereby proposed to the people of the state

Sec. 6, article 8, state constitution, amendment proposed.

for their approval or rejection, that is to say, said section shall be amended to read as follows:

School fund may be invested in county, city and village bonds.

Sec. 6. The permanent school and university fund of this state may be invested in the bonds of any county, school district, city, town or village of this state, but no such investment shall be made until approved by the board of commissioners designated by law to regulate the investment of the permanent school fund and the permanent university fund of this state; nor shall such loan or investment be made when the bonds to be issued or purchased would make the entire bonded indebtedness exceed fifteen (15) per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable real property of the county, school district, city, town or village issuing such bonds; nor shall such loans or indebtedness be made at a lower rate of interest than three (3) per cent per annum nor for a shorter period than five (5) years, nor for a longer period than twenty (20) years, and no change of the town, school district, village, city or county lines shall relieve the real property in such town, school district, county, village or city in this state at the time of the issuing of such bonds from any liability for taxation to pay such bonds.

Proposed amendment to be submitted at election of 1900.

SEC. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of this state for their approval or rejection at the general election occurring next after the passage of this act, and the qualified electors of the state in their respective districts may at such election vote for or against said amendment by ballot; and the returns thereof shall be made and certified within the time, and such votes canvassed and the result thereof declared in the manner provided by law with reference to the election of state officers, and if it shall appear thereupon that a majority of all the electors voting at said election for or against the proposed amendment to the constitution, as provided in the next section, have voted in favor of the same, then the governor shall make proclamation thereof, and such amendment shall take effect and be in force as a part of the constitution.

Ballots; what to contain.

SEC. 3. The ballots used at said election on said amendment shall have printed thereon, "Amendment to section six (6) of article eight (8) of the constitution providing for loaning the permanent school and university funds to or the purchase of bonds of cities, villages, towns, counties and school districts, Yes—No," and each elector voting on said amendment shall place a cross mark thus (X) in a space to be left opposite either the word "Yes" or the word "No," and shall be counted for or against the proposition in accordance with the expressed will of the elector, as provided by the election laws of the state.

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

Approved March 23, 1899.

CHAPTER 93.

S. F. No. 356.

An act providing for refunding the amount which shall be paid by purchasers of property sold pursuant to chapter 290 of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1897, and by assignees of the interest of the state acquired by sale pursuant to said law, with three (3) per cent interest, under certain circumstances.

Forfeited tax sale under C. 290, Laws 1897.

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

SECTION 1. That when any sale which shall be made or certificate which shall be issued pursuant to chapter 290 of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1897, is declared void by the judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall state for what reason such sale or certificate is annulled, and in all cases where any sale or certificate shall be set aside, the money paid by the purchaser at the sale, or by the assignee of the state, upon taking the assignment certificate and also subsequent taxes, penalties and costs that may have been paid thereon by the purchaser, shall, with interest at the rate of three (3) per cent per annum from the day of such payment, be returned to the purchaser or assignee, or the party holding his right, out of the county treasury, on the order of the county auditor, *provided* the action in which such judgment is entered be brought within two (2) years from the date of such sale in cases where no period of redemption is provided for in said chapter 290, and that the action in which such judgment is entered be brought within three (3) years from the date of sale where a time of redemption is allowed in said chapter 290.

Money to be refunded purchaser when judgment declared void by court.

Action to test title to be brought within two years.

If the action in which such sale is declared void or certificate is set aside be not brought within the time herein limited, the purchaser or holder of the certificate shall in no event be entitled to a refundment of the money paid by him, except as provided in section 2 of this act.

SEC. 2. Whenever the holder of any tax certificate of sale issued under chapter 290 of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1897, who is not in possession, by himself or others, of the real property described therein, or any part thereof, shall petition the board of county commissioners of the county where the land is situated, setting forth facts claimed to

Holder of certificate of land not in his possession may surrender same and receive money in certain cases.