

Must be published.

weeks in all of the legal newspapers in the county or counties affected, having a general circulation, and transmit a certified copy thereof to the county auditor of the county or counties out of which said new county has been created, who shall cause the same to be published three weeks in the official paper of the county, and to each of the persons elected as county commissioners in such new county. The secretary of state shall also file and record in his office in said book of such records the certificate of the state canvassing board stating that such proposition received a majority of the votes cast, together with the proclamation of the governor declaring the same to have been adopted; and a duly certified copy of this proclamation shall in all cases be received as full evidence of the legal and valid organization and existence of such county.

Majority of the votes.

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

Approved April 8, 1903.

H. F. No. 320.

CHAPTER 144.

To make contracts.

An act entitled "An act authorizing any city of this state, now or hereafter having a population of over 50,000 inhabitants, to make contracts for the purchase of a supply of electric power or of gas, or both, for operating an electric or gas lighting or heating plant or system, or both such plants or systems, owned by such city."

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

Population of over 50,000.

SECTION 1. That any city of this state now or hereafter having a population of over fifty thousand inhabitants, and at the same time owning an electric or gas lighting or heating plant or system shall be authorized and empowered to enter into a contract or contracts for the purchase by such city of electricity or gas for the purpose of operating such electric or gas lighting or heating plant or system owned by such city, or for operating both such plants or systems, upon such terms as may be approved by a three-fourths vote of all of the members-elect of the governing body thereof; *provided*, that such city shall not be authorized to agree by such contract for the payment of a higher price than the lowest price charged at the time by the person or corporation with

Electric or gas lighting.

whom such contract is made, for a like amount of electric power or gas furnished to any other person or corporation under similar circumstances; and *provided further*, that such contract shall not be made to run for a period exceeding ten years.

Not to exceed ten years.

SEC. 2. The obligation incurred by any such city in the making of such contract shall not be considered as a part of its indebtedness under the provisions of its governing charter or of any law of this state fixing a limit of indebtedness for such city; nor shall such city be required at any time before making or during the life of such contract, to provide for or have on hand in its treasury more money applicable to such contract than the amount to be paid thereon during a single year.

Part of its indebtedness.

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

Approved April 6, 1903.

CHAPTER 145.

H. F. No. 556.

An act to amend chapter sixty-six (66) of the General Laws of 1901 of the State of Minnesota entitled: "An act authorizing the board of regents of the University of Minnesota as a body corporate under the name of the University of Minnesota to accept in trust or otherwise all kinds of property for educational purposes and to hold, manage, invest and dispose of the same."

Board of regents.

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

SECTION 1. That chapter sixty-six (66) of the General Laws of 1901 of the State of Minnesota be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. The board of regents of the University of Minnesota, as a body corporate, under the name University of Minnesota, is hereby expressly authorized and empowered to accept, in trust or otherwise, any gift, grant, bequest or devise of property, real, personal or mixed, for educational purposes, and to hold, manage, invest and dispose of the same and the proceeds thereof and the income therefrom, in accordance with the terms and conditions of such gift, grant, bequest or devise, and of the acceptance thereof, any law of the State of Minnesota to the contrary notwithstanding.

Authorized to accept trusts, gifts, etc.