

One-half
to county,
one-half to
township.

porated villages and cities. shall be disposed of as follows: One half of said moneys shall be paid into the county treasury and be placed in the county road and bridge fund, and one-half of said moneys shall be paid into the treasury of the township for which such licenses may be issued, to be used for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges within such township, the same to be expended under direction of the town board.

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

Approved April 14, 1903.

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CHAPTER 202.

Special
school
districts,
division of
and organi-
zation of
independent
districts.

An act providing for the division of certain special school districts within this state, and the organization of independent school districts from such territory.

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

SECTION 1. Any special school district within this state containing an area of ten congressional townships or more may be subdivided and new independent school districts created from portions of such territory in the manner hereinafter provided; but no new district shall contain more than two congressional townships, nor shall any district created therefrom be so formed as to divide any incorporated village into two or more districts.

Procedure.

SEC. 2. Whenever the people residing in any portion of such special school district shall desire to create an independent school district from a portion of such territory, they shall present to the board of county commissioners of the county in which such school district is situated, a petition signed by a majority of the freeholders residing in the territory proposed to be so organized, asking to be organized into an independent school district, which petition shall be accompanied by a plat showing the metes and bounds of such proposed new district.

SEC. 3. Upon presentation to the board of county commissioners aforesaid of a petition and plat, as specified in section two of this act, the said commissioners shall fix a time and place for a hearing on such application, which hearing shall not be less than three weeks from the date of fixing the same, and they shall also cause to be published in the official paper of said county, for two

Hearing
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consecutive weeks, a notice of the application and of the time and place of the hearing thereon; they shall also cause to be furnished to the county superintendent of schools a copy of said petition and plat.

SEC. 4. At the time and place fixed for the hearing on said petition, all persons having an interest for or against the establishment of such independent district, may appear and be heard thereon; if after such hearing the said commissioners deem it for the general good of the schools and cause of education, they shall make an order establishing such independent district, and cause such order together with the petition and plat showing the metes and bounds thereof, to be recorded in the record of their proceedings.

If granted,
to order
established.

SEC. 5. The county superintendent of schools shall within thirty days after receiving the copy of order establishing any such district, cause written notices to be posted in three places within such district, of the time and place where the electors shall meet and elect a board of education for such independent district, at which time they may also transact such other business as may be necessary to the perfect organization and management of such district; such officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and qualified as now provided by law.

County
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give notice
of elec-
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SEC. 6. Districts organized under the provisions of this act shall be governed by the laws now in force relating to independent school districts of this state, all of which is hereby made applicable to districts organized under this act.

District
governed by
present
laws.

SEC. 7. The board of education of any district organized under this act shall have power to provide for the transportation of children to and from the schools at public expense, subject to such rules and regulations as they may adopt, and may require sufficient bonds for the faithful performance of such duty.

Transporta-
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children.

SEC. 8. Districts organized under the provisions of this act shall succeed to all their just rights of property belonging to the original district, including its just share of all public moneys and school funds, and be liable for its equitable share of bonded indebtedness.

Rights and
liabilities
of such
district.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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