

H. F. No. 684.

CHAPTER 251.

Submission of constitutional amendments, and other questions to vote.

An act to provide for placing questions relating to amendments of the constitution, constitutional conventions and all other questions and propositions submitted to the vote of the people throughout the state on a separate ballot.

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

One separate pink colored ballot.

SECTION 1. All questions relating to the amendment of the constitution, constitutional conventions and all other questions or propositions submitted at any election to the electors throughout the state shall be printed on one separate pink colored ballot, shall be prepared, printed and distributed under the direction of the secretary of state, at the same time and in the same manner as other state ballots. Such ballots, when voted, shall be deposited in a separate ballot box painted in a pink color, to be procured by the local authorities at each voting precinct. Such ballot shall be canvassed, counted and returned and the result thereof declared in the same manner as other state ballots. The person under whose direction tally sheets and blanks for election returns are printed shall print such tally sheets and blanks for election returns in such manner as to provide appropriate spaces and columns for counting, canvassing and making proper returns for the question so placed on such pink colored ballot.

Separate ballot box.

Canvass and returns.

Laws inconsistent repealed.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 18, 1903.

H. F. No. 273.

CHAPTER 252.

Superintendent of public instruction.

An act to fix the salary of the state superintendent of public instruction.

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

Salary.

SECTION 1. The salary of the superintendent of public instruction for the year 1903, beginning with the month of January thereof and annually thereafter, is hereby

fixed at three thousand dollars, to be paid in monthly installments.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of sub-chapter 2 of chapter 74 of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1877, being section 3,720 of the General Statutes of 1894, in so far as it relates to the annual compensation of the superintendent of public instruction, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 18, 1903.

CHAPTER 253.

H. F. No. 422.

An act providing for the taxation of railroad properties, the collection of such taxes and repealing acts inconsistent therewith.

Taxation of railroad properties.

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

SECTION 1. Every railroad company owning or operating any line of railway situated within, or partly within, this state, shall during the year 1905, and annually thereafter pay into the treasury of this state in lieu of all taxes and assessments upon all property within this state, owned or operated for railway purposes by such company, including equipment, appurtenances, appendages and franchises thereof, a sum of money equal to four (4) per cent of the gross earnings derived from the operation of such line of railway within this state; and the annual payment of such sum shall be in full and in lieu of all other taxes and assessments upon the property and franchises so taxed. The lands acquired by public grant shall be and remain exempt from taxation until sold or contracted to be sold, or conveyed, as provided in the respective acts whereby such grants were made or recognized.

Four per cent of gross earnings.

Land grants, exempt, until sold or contracted to be.

SEC. 2. The term "the gross earnings derived from the operation of such line of railway within this state," as used in section 1 of this act is hereby declared and shall be construed to mean, all earnings on business beginning and ending within the state, and a proportion, based upon the proportion of the mileage within the state to the entire mileage over which such business is done, of earnings

Gross earnings defined.