were present and voting at any regular or special meeting duly called for that purpose, are hereby in all things confirmed, legalized and validated and hereby declared to be legal and binding obligations upon the district issuing the same; *provided*, this act shall not apply to any suit now pending relative to the legality of any bonds so issued.

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

Approved April 18, 1903.

S. F. No. 285.

CHAPTER 282.

An act to amend section 897 of chapter nine (9) of the Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1894, relating to resignations, vacancies and removals.

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

SECTION I. That section 897 of chapter nine (9) of the Statutes of Minnesota for the year 1894, be, and the same hereby is, amended so as to read as follows:

Section 897. The fees of commissioner for such services shall be the same as now allowed by law to referees in actions brought in the district courts of this state, and shall be paid out of moneys not otherwise appropriated, on the order of the governor; and on presentation of such order to the auditor of the state, he shall draw his warrants on the state treasurer in favor of the person entitled to the same; provided, that when testimony is taken for and against a county officer, like fees of the commissioner shall be paid by the county wherein such officer was elected, and be allowed in the same manner as other claims against the county. And, provided further, in all such proceedings against a county officer, when testimony has been heretofore, or shall be hereafter taken by a shorthand reporter, the fees and compensations of such reporter shall be the same as are now allowed district court reporters for like service, and the county commissioners are authorized and directed to provide for the payment of such reporter for such services; but if the said stenographic services have been, or shall be, performed by a commissioner, appointed by the governor of this state, as hereinbefore provided, then, and in such

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Appointed by governor. event, such commissioner shall be paid by said county only the stenographic fees herein specified.

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

Approved April 18, 1003.

CHAPTER 283.

An act preventing and restraining the exposure of clipbed animals.

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

SECTION I. Every person in custody of a horse, mule Regulating or other animal which has been clipped or sheared by of horses. having its hair removed from its body by the use of clippers or shears, who causes or permits such horse, mule or animal to stand on the highways, streets or other places not sheltered, within sixty days after the date of such clipping or shearing, without being blanketed, between the first of November and the first day of May, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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

Approved April 18, 1903.

CHAPTER 284.

An act to authorize and empower cities in the State of Minnesota having a population of ten thousand inhabitants or less to acquire by condemnation proceedings waterworks plants and issue bonds in payment therefor.

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

SECTION 1. All cities in the State of Minnesota hav- Condemnation ing a population of ten thousand inhabitants or less are for water hereby authorized and empowered to acquire(d) by condemnation proceedings for the public use, free from all liens and encumbrances whatsoever, all or any waterworks, including all machinery, pipes, reservoirs, franchises, lands and buildings and everything necessary to the use and operation of said works and plants or any part thereof in the manner hereinafter provided.

works plants.

S. F. No. 330.

S. F. No. 427.