by condemnation proceedings shall vest in such board of navigation.

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

Approved April 21, 1903.

H, F, No. 557.

Public highways. An act to amend chapter 13 of the General Statutes of Minnesota of 1878, as amended by chapter 46 of the Laws of 1895, relating to public highways in townships.

CHAPTER 380.

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

Abolishment of overseers of highways

SECTION I. That section I of chapter 46 of the General Laws of 1895 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: That whenever petition of at least ten of the resident taxpayers and legal voters of any township in this state shall have been filed with the town clerk of said town at least ten days prior to any town meeting, setting forth that it is deemed expedient to abolish the election of overseers of highways in such township, and to abolish the collection of poll tax therein, the legal voters of such town at any annual town meeting may, by a majority of the votes cast, pass a resolution directing that all roads in any such township and the repairing of the same, and the making of new roads already laid out, or that may hereafter be laid out, and the building and repairing of bridges and the general management and care of the same, shall be under the control and direction of the supervisors of such township, which resolution shall be printed or written, or partly printed and partly written, on ballots, as follows:

"Resolved, That the election of overseers of highways and collection of poll tax be abolished and all roads in this township and the repairing of the same, and the making of new roads already laid out, or that may hereafter be laid out, and the building and repairing of bridges and the general management and care of the same, shall be under the control and direction of the supervisors of this township."

Each elector voting on such proposition shall make a cross opposite the "Yes" or "No." *Provided*, that whenever such a resolution is to be voted upon, the town

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clerk shall give notice thereof in his notice of annual town meeting.

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

Approved April 21, 1903.

CHAPTER 381.

An act to authorize all counties in this state having a Sinking bonded indebtedness to create a sinking fund for the pur-bonded indebtedness and house and to low a term debtedness. pose of paying said bonded indebtedness and to levy a tax for the purpose of creating said sinking fund.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of any county in this state having a bonded indebtedness, is hereby authorized to create a sinking fund to be known as the "bonded indebtedness sinking fund," for the purpose of paying the bonded indebtedness of the county when the same becomes due, as herein provided.

SEC. 2. When the board of county commissioners of any county shall by resolution decide to create a sinking fund, as provided in section one of this act, the said board shall then decide by resolution the amount of money for Decide by said fund to be raised the first year, and shall at the first meeting in January in each year thereafter, so long as necessary, designate the amount, if any, to be raised for the year in which said meeting is held, said sums so named to be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the county; provided, that said bonded indebtedness sinking fund shall not at any time be larger than the bonded indebtedness.

SEC. 3. When the board of county commissioners of Auditor any county have voted to create a sinking fund, and have directed to levy designated a sum for any one year to be raised, as herein provided, the county auditor is hereby authorized and directed, in addition to all other taxes now authorized by law to be levied, to levy a tax on all the taxable property of said county, for the purpose of raising the sum voted by the board of county commissioners for the year named by said board.

Sec. 4. The county treasurers shall collect the said tax so levied in like manner and at the same time that other taxes are by them collected, and all moneys so collected 44

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H. F. No. 574.