

for the construction of such water works, issue certificates of indebtedness and have the same outstanding and unpaid at one time, in the sum of not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Provided, however, that after April first, 1903, the powers herein granted shall cease, and such cities shall thereafter have only the power and authority to issue certificates of indebtedness which existed by virtue of their special charters before the passage of this act.

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

Approved Feb. 4, 1903.

S. F. No. 1102.

CHAPTER 6.

An act to amend section 1426 of chapter 10, title 5 of the General Statutes of 1894, as amended by subsequent acts relating to public libraries and reading rooms.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1426 of the General Statutes of 1894, as amended by chapter 114 of the General Laws of 1897, and chapters 48 and 162 of the General Laws of 1899, and chapter 272 of the General Laws of 1901, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1426. When any city or village council shall have been thus authorized to establish and maintain a public library and reading room or either of them under this act, written notice shall be posted in three of the most public places in said city or village, signed by the city clerk or village recorder of said city or village, requesting the qualified voters of the city or village in which the city or village council shall have been thus authorized to establish or shall have established such library or reading room or either of them, to assemble on the third Saturday in July next following the passage of this bill; and in cases where such authority is hereafter given, requesting the qualified voters of any city or village in which the city or village council may hereafter be thus authorized to establish a public library or reading room or either of them, to assemble on the third Saturday in July next following the election at which said city or village council shall be so

Public libraries and reading rooms.

Posting notices.

Voters to elect directors on 3rd Saturday in July.

authorized and at some suitable place in said city or village, to be named in said notices, then and there to vote by ballot for nine directors for said library and reading room, or either of them, which notices shall be posted at least ten days prior to said meeting, and the failure of said clerk to post said notices shall be a misdemeanor. *Provided, however,* that when any such city or village shall have been so authorized to establish a public library or reading room under the provisions of this act at least six months before said election, in any year, to avoid delay in the organization of such library board, the mayor of such city, or president of such village, shall name and appoint said nine directors for said library board, whose term of office shall expire on the fourth Saturday of the following July, and when so appointed said directors shall organize as provided by section 1427 of said chapter ten, and shall possess all the powers therein granted to said library boards until the expiration of their said terms of office.

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

Approved Feb. 4, 1903.

CHAPTER 7.

S. F. No. 108

An act to provide for the maintenance and care of law libraries for the use of public officials in counties having a population of 200,000 or more and in which there is a court house and city hall used jointly by the county and the city constituting the county seat.

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

SECTION 1. In all counties in this state now having, or which shall hereafter have, a population of 200,000 or more, in which there now is, or shall hereafter be, erected at the county seat a county court house and city hall for the joint use of such county and the city constituting its county seat, law libraries for the use of the officials hereinafter mentioned may be maintained in such court house and city hall in the manner hereinafter provided.

Law libra-
ries in
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SEC. 2. Upon the filing of a petition with the clerk of the district court by any tax payer or corporation in such county, setting forth that it is for the interest of the public that such law library should be established and

Procedure to
establish.