

proceedings shall be had for the collection and enforcement thereof, as for such general taxes, including like penalties in case of non-payment, and including also proceedings for the collection and enforcement of delinquent taxes. Whenever any of such assessments are collected, they shall be credited to the city conducting such proceedings, and paid over and accounted for in like manner as other taxes.

SEC. 22. It shall be the duty of such city to proceed with all reasonable dispatch to complete such improvements, unless the proceedings are set aside by the city council as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 23. The city council shall have power and it shall be its duty after the construction of such works to maintain the same and to prevent injury or obstruction to the channel or works and contamination of the waters. And for such purposes the city council may enact suitable ordinances and prescribe penalties for their violation, not exceeding a fine of one hundred (\$100) dollars for each offense, or confinement in the city workhouse not exceeding ninety days. The municipal court of the city shall have jurisdiction of such offenses.

Power of  
city  
council.

SEC. 24. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Feb. 28, 1905.

## CHAPTER 19.

S. F. No. 169.

*An act to authorize cities of this state owning a system of water works to borrow money and issue bonds for the purpose of improving and extending their water works system and of providing means for purifying the water furnished thereby.*

Bonds for  
water works.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to the rights and powers heretofore conferred by any general or special law upon the several cities of this state, there is hereby granted to any city organized or which may hereafter be organized under or by virtue of any general or special law of this state and which now or shall hereafter own a system of water works, power and authority to extend and improve its system of water works, including the installing of filters or other means for purifying the water fur-

Improve-  
ment of wa-  
ter works.

nished by such system, and for that purpose to borrow money on its negotiable coupon bonds in the manner and subject to the conditions hereinafter provided to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate outstanding at any one time the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) in addition to all other indebtedness of such city.

Method of  
issuing  
bonds.

SEC. 2. Whenever the common council of any such city shall deem it advisable to issue the bonds of the city under the provisions of this act, it shall by resolution passed by a majority vote of all the members thereof, provide for the submission of the proposition of issuing such bonds to the qualified voters of the city at any general election or at any special election called by the common council in said resolution for that purpose. Such resolution shall distinctly state the amounts and purposes for which such bonds are proposed to be issued, the date or dates of their maturity, the rate of interest they shall bear, and the time of holding the election at which the proposition is to be submitted, and shall be published in the official newspaper of the city at least once each week for three successive weeks prior to such election; or if there be no newspaper published in such city, then said resolution shall be posted in five of the most public places in the city at least three weeks prior to such election.

Publication  
of notice.

SEC. 3. All elections provided for in this act shall be called and conducted in the manner provided by law for the holding and conducting of municipal elections.

Form of  
ballot.

SEC. 4. The ballot to be voted at all elections under this act shall read as follows:

"In favor of the proposition of issuing water works improvement bonds to the amount of \$——.—."

"Against the proposition of issuing water works improvement bonds to the amount of \$——.—."

The voters voting in favor of such proposition shall mark a cross (x) opposite the words "In favor of the proposition of issuing water works improvement bonds to the amount of \$——.—" in the space provided for that purpose, and those voting against the proposition shall mark a cross (x) opposite the words "Against the proposition of issuing water works improvement bonds to the amount of \$——.—" on said ballot in the space provided for that purpose. The votes cast at such election shall be counted, returned and canvassed in the same

Return of  
vote.

manner as at other municipal elections, and the result certified to the city clerk or recorder by the canvassing board. If a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition at such election shall vote in favor of the issue of the bonds, then such city shall be deemed to be authorized to issue said bonds to the amount proposed, and its common council may, by resolution passed by a majority vote of all members thereof, provide for and direct the issuance of said bonds and provide for the levy of a direct annual tax on all the taxable property of the city, in addition to all other city taxes, sufficient to pay the interest of said bonds when due and to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof at maturity.

SEC. 5. All bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall run for not more than thirty (30) years from their date, shall bear interest not to exceed five (5) per cent per annum, principal and interest payable at such time or times and at such places as the common council may prescribe; shall have the seal of the city affixed thereto; shall be signed by the mayor and attested by the city clerk or recorder, and countersigned by the city treasurer or by the city controller if there be one, and the interest coupons thereon attached shall bear the signatures, or the lithographed fac-simile signatures, of the mayor and of the city clerk, or of the city controller if there be one. All such bonds shall be sold at not less than their par value and accrued interest to the highest responsible bidder after notice published once in each week for three successive weeks prior to the day fixed for such sale in the official newspaper of the city, and also at least once in some daily newspaper published and of general circulation in the city of St. Paul not less than one week prior to the day fixed for such sale; and if there be no newspaper published in said city, then and in that event such notice shall be posted in five of the most public places in said city at least three weeks prior to the date fixed for such sale. Such notice of sale shall specify the denominations of said bonds, their aggregate amount, the purpose for which issued, the interest they shall bear, and whether payable annually or semi-annually, the times and place of payment of interest and principal and the time and place for receiving and opening the bids for said bonds. None of the proceeds of any of the bonds issued and sold pursuant to the provi-

Age of  
bonds and  
rate of  
interest.

Sold at  
par value.

Publication  
of notice.

Proceeds  
of bonds.

sions of this act shall be used for any purpose other than that for which they were directed and voted to be issued, and any member of the common council or any officer of said city who shall vote for or in any manner participate in the appropriation of any of such proceeds for any other purpose shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and punished as by law in such cases made and provided.

SEC. 6. This act shall be deemed and considered to confer powers in addition to and not as an abridgment of all other powers now existing by virtue of any general or special law of this state. And none of the bonds of any such city, issued pursuant to the terms and provisions of this act, shall be deemed or taken to be a part of the indebtedness of such city within the purview of any law limiting the amount of the indebtedness of any city, and the bonds provided for in this act may be issued without regard to the indebtedness of any such city:

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 2, 1905.

S. F. No. 170.

## CHAPTER 20.

Power to  
negotiate  
bonds.

*An act authorizing cities of this state having a population of ten thousand inhabitants or less, to issue and sell their negotiable coupon bonds, to take up their past due indebtedness and to prevent the subsequent creation of a floating indebtedness in such cities.*

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

SECTION 1. In addition to the rights and powers granted by law to the several cities of the State of Minnesota, which rights and powers shall not be abridged by this act, there is hereby granted to all cities organized or existing under and by virtue of any general or special law of Minnesota and having a population of ten thousand inhabitants or less, according to the last officially promulgated state or United States census, the power and authority to issue and sell as hereinafter provided, the negotiable coupon bonds of any such city for the purpose of taking up and funding its floating indebtedness, the provisions of the laws of said state whether general or special governing any such city to the contrary notwithstanding, and notwithstanding the amount of the indebtedness of such city.

Funding  
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