

tion of such matter and shall hear all evidence offered by any person interested, tending to show what territory should be included within such district, and having heard the evidence, they shall, if they find it conducive to the good of the inhabitants of the territory affected, proceed to enlarge the said school district as asked for in the petition, and to fix the boundaries thereof and of all the remaining school districts thereby affected, attached to or detaching contiguous territory to or from any of such districts, in such manner as in their judgment the best interests of the persons and districts thereby affected may require; *provided, further*, that whenever the territory affected by any of the foregoing proceedings lies in two or more counties, like proceedings shall be had in each county affected, and no order in such proceeding shall be valid unless concurred in by the county boards of all such counties affected.

At the time of making such division, enlargement or change of boundaries, the county commissioners shall apportion to the district so enlarged that portion of the debts of said other districts as may seem to them right and proper, and said apportionment when so made shall be binding upon all the districts affected, and the county commissioners may also apportion to said districts so enlarged, such portion of the property of such other districts as shall seem to them just and proper. Said last mentioned apportionment shall be subject to review by the district court;

And *provided, further*, that any person or officer of any school district aggrieved by any order of the county board made pursuant to the provisions of this section, may appeal to the district court from such order, such appeal to be governed by the provisions of section 1285 Revised Laws 1905.

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

Approved February 11, 1909.

CHAPTER 14—H. F. No. 312.

An Act appropriating money to defray the cost of the publication of proposed amendments to the constitution, during the month of October, 1908.

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

Appropriation for publication constitutional amendments.—
 Section 1. That the sum of twenty-seven thousand, six hundred dollars (\$27,600) be and is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment for

the publication of the proposed amendments to the constitution in various papers of the state, and for defraying other expenses incurred under the direction of the secretary of state.

Approved February 11, 1909.

CHAPTER 15—H. F. No. 105.

An Act authorizing villages to acquire water, light and heating plants.

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

Villages authorized to acquire water, light and heating plants.—Section 1. Any village in this state wherein is now constructed a public water, light and heat plant, or water or light or heating plants, not owned by the village, may by resolution or ordinance of the village council, passed and approved in the usual manner, purchase such plants or any of them and issue bonds running not to exceed twenty years and bearing interest not to exceed five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purchase price or any part thereof and secure the same by lien in the form of a mortgage securing payments of the bonds upon the plant so purchased and extensions thereof and additions thereto.

A written contract pursuant to and in addition to the resolution or ordinance may, if desired, be entered into between the village through its president and recorder and the persons or corporation selling the plant.

To be submitted to electors.—Sec. 2. Before such resolution or ordinance or contract shall take effect the same shall be submitted to the village electors at a regular village or state or special election and approved by two-thirds of those voting thereon. The ballots may be substantially as follows, to-wit:

“For the purchase of a water, light and heating plant” (or the plant which is proposed to be purchased); or “Against the purchase of a water, light and heating plant” (or the plant which is proposed to be purchased).

To be paid in cash or bonds.—Sec. 3. Any part of the purchase price may be paid in cash, and it may if desired be provided in the bonds that any bond may be paid at any interest day, at the option of the village.

Power to employ attorney.—Sec. 4. The village council may, if desired, employ attorneys for consultation in regard to said ordinance, contract and bonds.

Bonds; how sold.—Sec. 5. The bonds so voted may be sold to the highest bidder for not less than par or a loan obtained