

of such city without assessment on the said abutting property, and also to have power to assess any part of the cost of any such improvement upon any property benefited thereby.

Sec. 2. Application.—This act shall not include or apply to cities now or hereafter governed under a charter adopted under and pursuant to Section 36, Article 4, of the constitution of this state, and the several acts of the legislature authorizing cities to adopt their own charters.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 15, 1913.

CHAPTER 279—S. F. No. 577.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 207, of the General Laws of 1911, relating to the formation of consolidated school districts and providing for state aid for schools in such districts.

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

Section 1. State aid under class A permitted for certain isolated school districts.—That Section 1 of Chapter 207, of the General Laws of 1911, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 1. Two or more school districts of any kind may be consolidated, either by the formation of a new district or by annexation of one or more districts to an existing district in which is maintained a state graded, semi-graded or high school, as hereinafter provided.

A district so formed by consolidation or annexation shall be known as a consolidated school district. Before any steps are taken to organize a consolidated school district, the superintendent of the county in which the major portion of territory is situated, from which it is proposed to form a consolidated school district, shall cause a plat to be made showing the size and boundaries of the new district, the location of schoolhouses in the several districts, the location of other adjoining school districts and of schoolhouses therein, together with such other information as may be of essential value, and submit the same to the superintendent of public instruction, who shall approve, modify or reject the plan so proposed, and certify his conclusions to the county superintendent of schools. To receive state aid as a consolidated school of Class A or Class B, as defined in this act, the consolidated district must contain not less than eighteen sections and to receive state aid as a consolidated school of Class C, not less than twelve sections; but any existing school district of at least such area shall have the rights and privileges of a consolidated school district. A consolidated school district

of less than twelve sections may be formed as herein provided, but shall not be entitled to receive special state aid as herein provided for.

Provided, however, that a school district, which is otherwise qualified for aid under this act as a Class A school, and which has its school house located within one mile of the state line or an impassible natural barrier, and which has not less than twelve sections, shall be entitled to receive such portion of the aid herein provided for Class A schools as the ratio of the area of the district to the minimum area herein provided for Class A schools."

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

Approved April 15, 1913.

CHAPTER 280—S. F. No. 578.

An Act to amend Section Three (3) of Chapter 298, Laws 1911, entitled "An Act to provide for the indeterminate sentence of persons convicted of crime and to authorize the paroling of convicts."

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

Sec. 1. **Board of parole to consist of four members—Warden to be secretary—Assistant secretary and duties.**—That Section Three of Chapter 298, Laws 1911 be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 3. A board having power to parole and discharge prisoners confined in the state prison or state reformatory is hereby created, to be known and designated as the "state board of parole." Said board shall be composed of four persons, viz.: the member of the state board of control oldest in continuous service as a member of said board of control shall be ex-officio a member of said board of parole and chairman thereof; the warden of the state prison at Stillwater shall be ex-officio a member of said board of parole and secretary thereof; the superintendent of the state reformatory at St. Cloud, shall be ex-officio a member of said board of parole and assistant secretary thereof; the fourth member thereof shall be a citizen of this state who shall be appointed by the governor by and with the consent of the senate.

The assistant secretary shall have the powers and shall perform the duties of the secretary in case of the latter's absence from the state, absence from any meeting of the board of parole or sickness or inability to act. All records and papers attested or authenticated by the assistant secretary shall have the same