

one or more schools for the instruction of deaf children who are residents of the state.

"Any school district which shall maintain one or more such schools, shall through its clerk or secretary report to the state superintendent of education annually, or oftner if he so direct, such facts relative to such school or schools as he may require.

"The course and methods of instruction must comply with such requirements as may be outlined by the state superintendent of education. All schools for deaf children established under this act shall be conducted by the combined system which includes the oral, the aural, the manual and every method known to this profession; and the course and methods of instruction shall be substantially equal or equivalent in efficiency to the course and methods of instruction established and employed in the state school of the deaf at Faribault, Minnesota. The state superintendent of education may designate any member of his staff as an inspector to visit and note the progress of the school provided for in this act.

"Permission to establish such special classes may be granted to districts which have an actual attendance of not less than five deaf children, over four *and not exceeding the maximum school age* who may come under the provisions of this act.

Blind children, defective speech children and mentally subnormal children are not to be admitted to the same class with deaf children but must each have separate classes and separate teachers.

"There shall be paid out of the current school fund in the state treasury annually in the month of July, to the treasurer of the school district board, of the board of education, in the school district maintaining such school or schools under the charge of one or more teachers, whose appointment and qualifications shall be approved by the state superintendent of education, the sum of *two hundred and fifty (\$250)* dollars for each deaf child instructed in such school having an annual session of at least nine months during the year preceding the first day of July.

It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the school district or of the board of education receiving the aid provided for in this section, to render annually to the state superintendent of education an itemized statement of all expenditures of said school or schools. Any surplus at the end of the year shall be reserved as a special fund for the education of the deaf children of that district and can be used for no other purpose.

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CHAPTER 229—S. F. No. 460.

An act permitting villages situated on navigable waters and having no railroad connections and organized towns adjacent there-

to similarly situated where the territory affected comprises one contiguous body of land, to organize and conduct, maintain and operate one or more docks or wharves with warehouse connections for public use, and to issue bonds therefor.

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

Section 1. Certain villages authorized to build public docks.—In cases where any Village in this State which is situated upon navigable waters and has no railroad connections but is dependent upon such navigable waters for transportation and organized towns in the vicinity of such Village desire to combine and organize for the purpose of building, maintaining and operating one or more docks or wharves on the shore of such navigable waters with warehouse connections for the use by the people in the territory affected, they may so combine and build, maintain and operate such docks, wharves and warehouses and raise funds for such enterprize by proceeding as herein directed. Provided, that no such territory shall so organize unless the whole thereof, when taken together, will constitute one contiguous body of land.

Sec. 2. To be submitted to vote of people.—Upon the filing with the Village Council of such Villages or the Supervisors of such town of a petition signed by one per cent or more of the legal voters of such town or village praying that the question of so combining with the other legal divisions of said territory for the purpose of building, maintaining and operating docks, wharves and warehouses, be submitted to a vote of the people of such village or town and praying that the bonds of such town or village be issued for the purpose of assisting in the building of such docks, wharves and warehouses, the council of such village or the supervisors of such town shall call an election of the legal voters thereof to vote upon such proposition. Such petition shall name the village and towns or the towns alone, as the case may be, with which the combination is to be made and shall state the amount of bonds proposed to be issued by the village or town for the purpose of such enterprize, and the date of the same, the rate of interest they are to draw, the denominations thereof, when they are to mature and where to be made payable. In no case shall the bonds so to be issued be in an amount in excess of five (5) per cent of the assessed value of the real and personal property of the town or village issuing the same.

Sec. 3. Special elections—Notices.—Notice of the time and place of holding such election shall be posted in three public places in such town or village for fifteen days prior to the time of holding the same, and shall be published in the newspaper issued nearest the town or village giving such notice once in each week for two successive weeks prior to the time of the holding of such election. Such notice shall be in substantially the following form, viz :

Notice of Special Election,

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held in the.....(village or town) of(name) on the.....day of.....192.... for the purpose of voting on the proposition of combining with the towns (or village) of.....(naming them)..... County, Minnesota, and organizing to build one or more docks, wharves and warehouses for public use on the navigable waters of.....in said.....village and upon the proposition of issuing the bonds of said(town or village) in the aggregate sum of \$.....bearing interest at the rate of.....per cent per annum, the proceeds thereof to be used for the purpose of acquiring a site for, and building, maintaining and operating a dock or docks, wharf or wharves together with warehouse connections on the shore of.....in said village, such bonds to be numbered and to mature as set forth in the petition of legal voters of said(town or village) now on file in the office of the.....clerk (or other officer of said town or village.)

Dated.....192.....

Such notice shall be signed by the Clerk of the town or village issuing the same.

Sec. 4. Conduct of election—Form of ballot.—Such special election may be held on a day separate or on the day fixed for any other election in such town or village, in which latter event the judges and clerks acting as such for the election then to be held, shall act as judges and clerks for said special election but in either case a special ballot box shall be provided and the ballots cast on the proposition of organizing such town or village with the other towns or village in the vicinity for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating docks and warehouses and the proposition of issuing bonds for such purpose shall be kept separate from all other ballots cast. If such election is to be held on a day different from that of some other election in the town or village, then, the supervisors of the town or council of the village, as the case may be, shall appoint judges and clerks to conduct such special election.

Such election shall be conducted in substantially the same manner as is required for the conduct of general state and county elections; such special elections shall be by ballot, and the ballot to be used thereat, shall be in the following form:

Organization and Bond Ballot.

Shall the.....(Town or Village) of..... (naming it) unite with the towns of..... and village of.....to build, maintain and operate docks, wharves and warehouses and shall said..... (town or village) of.....issue its bonds in the sum

of \$.....for the purpose of building, maintaining and operating docks, wharves and warehouses, such bonds to be numbered, issued and to draw interest as provided in the petition therefor, now on file in the office of the clerk of said(town or village.)

Yes.....

No.....

Electors desiring to vote in favor of such proposition shall make their cross mark "X" opposite the word "YES" and the electors desiring to vote against the proposition shall make their cross mark "X" opposite the word "NO."

Sec. 5. Return of election.—In case a majority of the voters of such village or town voting thereat shall vote favorably upon such proposition, the Supervisors or Village Council, as the case may be, shall cause a return to be filed with the County Auditor of the county in which such town or village are situated of all of the proceedings had by the town or village, relative to the calling and conduct of such election, which returns the County Auditor shall preserve in his office for the inspection of any person or persons who shall be interested therein.

Sec. 6. Dock and warehouse commissions to be organized.—In case the voters in the various towns and village affected shall vote favorably upon the proposed proposition, there shall be organized in such territory a commission to be known as "Dock and Warehouse commission of the County of....." designating the county in which such territory is situated.) In case more than one such organization shall be effected in any county, then, there shall be added to the name of such commission, as herein provided for, organized after the first one, the designation No. 2 or 3 or 4, as the case may be.

Sec. 7. Members of commission.—The commission so to be organized shall be composed of the President or other chief officer of the village in the territory affected and the Chairman of each of the several town boards in such territory. The President or other chief officer of the village shall be chairman of such dock and warehouse commission. Within one month after a favorable vote upon such organization, such chairman shall call together the members of such commission and upon organization, the commission shall elect one of its members, other than the Chairman, as Secretary of the commission. The Commission shall, at all times, keep records of all its proceedings and doings for that purpose. The commission shall have power to purchase a site for a dock, wharf and warehouse or docks, wharves and warehouses and are authorized to build and maintain upon such site, one or more docks, wharves and warehouses and for that purpose to use the monies obtained as the proceeds of the bonds issued by the several divisions affected as herein provided, and have power to direct the institu-

tion and defense of all action in which the said organization is interested, to employ necessary counsels and attorneys for the prosecution or defense of the same, and is hereby authorized to acquire by condemnation such land or parcels of land as the said commission shall determine to be necessary for the use for such docks, wharves and warehouses or either of the same, and to raise such sums of money for that purpose as may be deemed necessary.

Sec. 8. Superintendent and employes—Sights.—The dock commission herein provided for, may hire one or more Superintendents for the care and operation of such dock or docks and may charge all users of such docks and warehouses, reasonable rates for the use of the same. The proceeds of the income derived from such charges shall be paid by the party collecting the same into the dock fund of such organization with the County Treasurer of the County in which such organization is situated. In case any person, village or town shall offer to donate one or more sites for such dock, docks or warehouses, the commission may accept such donation. The title to any site acquired by such commission for such docks or warehouses shall be taken in the name of the commission which body is hereby empowered to hold the title to such property and such dock site or sites and all wharves, docks and warehouses connected therewith shall always be held and used for public dock purposes under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 9. Bonds for construction—Interest rate.—The bonds to be voted for at the election provided for in this act and issued by the town or village, voting the same, shall be general obligations of such town or village; they shall run for a period not exceeding twenty years and shall draw a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per cent per annum, such bonds shall be issued by the Supervisors of the town or the council of the village, as the case may be, and be signed and countersigned in the same manner as in other bond issues of villages or towns and provided for by law, and shall be sold and negotiated by the authorities of the town or village issuing the same and the proceeds thereof and all monies pertaining to such organization for dock and warehouse purposes, shall be paid to the County Treasurer of the county in which such territory is situated and all such funds together with other funds of such Dock Commission Organization shall be kept by such treasurer in a separate fund to be known as "Dock and Warehouse Funds of (Designating the organization.)

All monies in such fund shall be paid out by the County Treasurer only upon orders drawn thereon and signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Dock Commissioners to which such fund belong.

In case there shall be remaining in said dock and warehouse funds at any time a surplus of monies after the properties purchased and constructed by the Dock Commission are completed and

paid for, such Dock Commission may apportion such surplus to the several towns and villages comprising such organization in proportion to the amount of bonds issued, sold and contributed by each town or village to the fund of such commission.

Sec. 10. Compensation of commissioners—Duties.—The several members of the Board of Dock Commissioners herein provided for, shall receive as compensation for their services in attending the meetings and conducting the business of such commission, a compensation of not to exceed Four Dollars (\$4.00) per day with mileage at 6 cents per mile to and from the place of residence of the member of the commission receiving the same and the place where such meetings are held, which compensation shall be paid out of the fund created for the purpose by this act upon orders signed by the chairman and secretary of the commission. The Chairman of the commission shall be the ex-officio manager of the dock, docks or warehouses under the control of the commission but shall at all times be subject to the direction of the commission itself.

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CHAPTER 230—S. F. No. 947.

An act relating to the extension or renewal of the period of corporate existence of corporations.

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

Section 1. Renewal of corporate existence of certain corporations authorized.—That in all cases where a corporation organized under the laws of Minnesota, and now operating as such, has heretofore and prior to Jan. 1, 1923 attempted to take the proceedings required by law for the extension or renewal of the period of its corporate existence, but there have been defects or irregularities in such proceedings, but the statutory fees for such extension or renewal have been paid to the state treasurer and a certificate evidencing such extension or renewal filed with the secretary of state, such proceedings are hereby validated and made legal, notwithstanding such defects or irregularities.

Sec. 2. Application.—This act shall not affect any action or proceeding now pending wherein such attempted renewal or extension is questioned.

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

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CHAPTER 231—H. F. No. 19.

An act to amend Chapter 145, Session Laws of 1919, as amend-