

Section 1. Street improvements.—That Section 1815, General Statutes 1923, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"1815. In any city of the fourth class or village of this state, whether said city or village is acting under general or special law or home rule charter, the council shall have power to improve any street, streets, alley or alleys, *or parts thereof*, by laying and maintaining pavements, gutters and curbs thereon of any material which it may deem suitable or by grading or graveling the same, *when petitioned for by the owners of not less than thirty-five percent (35%) in frontage of the real property abutting on such street, streets, alley or alleys, or parts thereof, as may be named in the petition as the location for such improvement.* By the word "council" as used in this act is meant the governing body; by the word "mayor," the chief executive officer, and by the word "clerk," the officer who performs the functions thereof, of such municipality, by whatever title they may be respectively denominated."

Sec. 2. This act shall not affect any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts of this state in which the validity of any proceeding taken or certificates of indebtedness heretofore issued under the provisions of chapter 65, Laws 1919, as amended, is questioned, and shall not impair the power of a council to make improvements in proceedings commenced previous to the passage of this act under and pursuant to said chapter 65, as amended, or levy assessments therefor, or sell certificates of indebtedness to defray the expenses incurred or to be incurred in making any such improvement.

Approved April 14, 1927.

CHAPTER 186—H. F. No. 198.

An act to amend Section 3343, General Statutes of Minnesota 1923, as amended, relating to annual statements of insurance companies by striking out the requirement that annual licenses of domestic mutual companies shall be filed for record.

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

Section 1. Annual statement.—That Section 3343, General Statutes 1923, as amended by Chapter 31, General Laws 1925, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

"3343. Every insurance company, including fraternal beneficiary associations doing business in this state, shall transmit to the commissioner annually, on or before March 1, upon blanks furnished by him a verified statement of its entire business and condition, during the preceding calendar year, including, in case

of a fire company, the amount of premiums received in each municipality, having an organized, or partly paid, or a voluntary fire department, but limited in case of a foreign company, except one engaged in life insurance, to its business and condition in the United States. Such statements shall also contain in a separate verified schedule, all details required by law for assessment, for taxation. If approved by the commissioner, a summary of such statement, prepared by the commissioner, together with his certificate of approval, shall be published, and proof of publication filed with him before August 1 following, in default whereof he shall have such publication and proof made at the expense of the company. Upon the approval of such statement the commissioner shall issue a renewal license for the succeeding year beginning June 1. Any license to a company or its agent, issued after the approval of said statement, shall expire May 31 of the year following. No company or agent thereof shall transact any new business in this state after May 31 in any year unless it shall have previously transmitted such statement to the commissioner; but no fraternal beneficiary association, nor any social corporation paying only "sick benefits" not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars in any one year, or "funeral benefits," or aiding those dependent on a member not more than three hundred and fifty dollars, nor any subordinate lodge or council which is, or whose members are, assessed for benefits which are payable by a grand body shall be required to make such statements. The commissioner shall not be required to prepare abstracts of the annual statement of fraternal beneficiary associations and reciprocal or inter-insurance exchanges, nor shall such associations or exchanges be required to publish an abstract or summary of said statement."

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CHAPTER 187—H. F. No. 835.

An act providing for the licensing and regulating of creameries, cheese factories, condenseries, milk plants and cream stations, prescribing penalties, and repealing Chapter 271, Laws 1925.

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

Section 1. Creameries, etc. to be licensed.—No creamery, cheese factory, condensery or milk plant for the manufacture of butter or other dairy products, or any cream station maintained for the purpose of purchasing, collecting or storing cream or milk to be used in the manufacture of butter or cheese or