

CHAPTER 531—H. F. No. 1497

An act relating to drainage; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 106.521.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 106.521, is amended to read:

106.521 **Laterals.** Persons owning property in the vicinity of an existing public drainage system may petition for a lateral or a lateral system connecting such lands with the drainage system. The petition shall be signed by 26 percent of the resident owners of the property or by the owners of 26 percent of the area of the property traversed by such lateral or lateral system, if the lands *to be drained* by the lateral are situated in one county, the petition shall be filed with the auditor. If such lands extend into two or more counties, the petition shall be filed with the clerk. The petition shall describe in general terms the starting point, general course and terminus of the proposed lateral or lateral system, together with the lands traversed thereby, and shall set forth the necessity for the construction thereof, and that the same, if constructed, will be of public benefit and utility and promote the public health, and praying that said lateral be constructed and connected with said ditch. The petition shall provide that the petitioners will pay all costs and expenses which may be incurred in case the proceedings are dismissed or if for any reason no contract for the construction thereof is let. The petitioners shall give bond as provided by *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 106.041, and thereafter the proceedings shall be had and carried to final determination under the provisions of this chapter the same as original proceedings for a ditch system. *No lateral or lateral system shall be constructed for the drainage of lands not assessed benefits for such existing public drainage system until express authority for the use of the existing system as an outlet for such lateral or lateral system has been granted pursuant to proceedings under Minnesota Statutes, Section 106.531.*

Approved April 21, 1953.

CHAPTER 532—H. F. No. 1498

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