

missioners may deem for the best interests of the city. The salary of said water commissioners shall be the same as that of aldermen, and the salary and compensation of all the persons appointed and employed by said board shall be such as may be fixed from time to time by said commissioners, with the approval of the common council.

SEC. 25. That the said board of water commissioners shall establish such water rates as will at all times ensure to the city a sufficient income to pay the interest and to provide a fund to pay the principal upon all the bonds to be issued under this act, as well as to pay all the expenses and costs of the maintenance and repair of said water works, and it is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500), or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one (1) year, or both at the discretion of the court, for said board knowingly to omit the property of any person from assessment for water rates, or to neglect or refuse to collect the same, or to give any person other or different credit for the use of water than that given the whole public. *Provided, however,* when meters are used for the purpose of showing the amount of water used, the water rent shall be collected on the first (1st) day of each and every month.

SEC. 26. That before any of the bonds authorized by this act are issued, the proposition to issue the same shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the city of St. Paul, at the next general annual election in November, 1881. The ballot to be issued thereat shall have printed or written thereon, or partly written or printed the words "for the issue of water bonds," or the words "against the issue of water bonds"; said votes shall be canvassed in the same manner as votes for city officers are canvassed, and the result thereof announced, and if upon such official canvass it be found that a majority of the votes cast upon that subject are in favor of the issue of said bonds, then the issue of said bonds shall be lawful for all intents and purposes.

SEC. 27. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 10, 1881.

## CHAPTER 189.

AN ACT to authorize an increase of the sewerage fund in the city of St. Paul.

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

SECTION 1. That the common council of the city of St. Paul is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds to an amount not

exceeding eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) for the purpose of increasing the sewerage fund authorized by section seven (7) of chapter seven (7) of title two (2) of an act entitled an act to reduce the law incorporating the city of St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey, and State of Minnesota, and the several acts amendatory thereof, and certain other acts relating to said city, into one act, and to amend the same, approved March fifth (5th), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four (1874). Said bonds shall be issued in such denominations as the common council may direct and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed five (5) per cent. per annum, and shall be redeemable in not less than twenty (20) years from the date thereof.

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

Approved February 9, 1881.

## CHAPTER 190.

AN ACT to authorize the establishment and maintenance of a work-house in the city of St. Paul.

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

SECTION 1. The common council of the city of St. Paul is hereby authorized and empowered to establish, erect and maintain a work-house for the confinement and punishment of prisoners sentenced thereto by the municipal court of the city of St. Paul, or the district court of the second judicial district of Ramsey county.

SEC. 2. The direction, management and control of such work-house, and the maintenance and care of the convicts therein shall be vested in a board of five directors who shall be styled the "board of St. Paul work-house directors," and said directors shall serve without compensation.

SEC. 3. Said directors shall be appointed by the mayor with the consent of the common council, and shall hold their office for five (5) years, except at the first (1st) appointment one (1) shall be appointed to serve for one (1) year, one (1) for two (2) years, one (1) for three (3) years, one (1) for four (4) years and one (1) for five (5) years, and thereafter one (1) shall be appointed annually.

SEC. 4. The said board of directors, with the consent and approval of the common council, shall have the power to purchase real estate at a cost not to exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000), erect buildings for a work-house, work-shops, providing the same with the necessary machinery and tools, with power to adopt rules