

court shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of the city of Hastings, at the general city election in April 1883, and notice of said submission shall be made in the usual method prescribed for notices of election of officers of said city. The ballots to be voted at said election shall have written or printed or partly written or partly printed thereon, the words "In favor of a municipal court in the city of Hastings—yes," or the words "In favor of a municipal court in the city of Hastings—no." And if a majority of votes cast at said election are in favor of said court it shall be established and take effect as in this act provided, otherwise not; anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 30 This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1883.

CHAPTER 6.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ST. PAUL, IN RELATION TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAID CITY.

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

SECTION 1. That section nine (9) of chapter ten (10) of the charter of the city of Saint Paul, in relation to the fire department, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out the words "three (3) reputable freeholders," where they occur in the second (2d) line of said section nine (9), as printed in the extra session Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), and inserting in place thereof the words "five (5) reputable freeholders."

SEC. 2. That section eleven (11) of said chapter ten (10) be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto as follows; Said board may also, whenever they deem it advisable, elect a secretary from their number, or otherwise, to keep the minutes and books of said board and to perform such other duties as may from time to time be required of him by said board. The secretary so elected shall hold no other appointment or position under said board, and his salary shall be fixed by the board at a sum not exceeding at the rate of two hundred dollars (\$200) per year, and he shall hold his office during the pleasure of the board, and be subject to removal at any time.

SEC. 3. Section twelve (12) of said chapter ten (10) is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 12. For the operation and management of the apparatus, property and appliances for the extinguishment of fires in said city,

the said board of fire commissioners shall, from time to time, appoint one (1) chief engineer and one (1) assistant engineer, to serve for two (2) years, unless sooner removed by the board; and there shall be five (5) steam fire engine companies, each with steam fire engines, hose, hose carts and apparatus complete, to be drawn by horses provided for that purpose, said companies to be numbered respectively: one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5), and to have a complement of men each, to be appointed by said board of fire commissioners, as follows: one (1) engineman, and (1) fireman and one (1) driver of engine, and one (1) driver of hose cart, one (1) foreman of hose; all to be constantly on duty, and such number of hosemen called minute men, to do duty when alarmed, as said board may from time to time deem advisable, not however, exceeding five (5) in number.

Provided, That said board, with the consent of the common council of said city, may increase said companies, or any of them, by adding thereto such additional men not exceeding five (5) in number, as to the board may seem advisable, such men to be called, and to do duty as hosemen, and all to be constantly on duty, and to receive the same compensation as the foreman of hose.

There shall also be one (1) hook and ladder company with vehicles and apparatus complete, to be drawn by horses to be provided for that purpose, and to have a complement of men to be appointed by said board of fire commissioners, as follows: one (1) driver, one (1) tillerman, one (1) foreman, to be constantly on duty, and seven (7) ladder-men called minute men, to do duty when alarmed.

There shall also be one (1) hook and ladder company consisting of eleven (11) full paid men to be constantly on duty, to be appointed by said board of fire commissioners, with such duties and positions as may from time to time be assigned to them by said board, for the purpose of using and operating the truck and extension ladder recently purchased by said city, or such other vehicles and apparatus as may be substituted in their place, and the organization of such company for the purposes aforesaid, heretofore made by such board, is hereby ratified and confirmed.

There shall also be appointed by said board, a superintendent of the fire alarm telegraph of said city, who shall have charge and control of the system of fire alarms, and the apparatus appertaining to the same. The persons so to be appointed to the several posts of fire duty hereinbefore provided, including the chief and assistant engineers, and said superintendant of fire alarm telegraph, shall be known as the firemen of the city of St. Paul, and shall hold their respective places and appointments during the pleasure of said board, and they, or any of them, whether heretofore or hereafter appointed, may be removed or suspended by the board at any time; *Provided*, That no removal except for cause, shall be made until after the person to be removed shall have received at least thirty (30) days notice that his services will be no longer required by the board; *And provided further*, That the term of office of the present chief engineer and assistant engineer shall expire on the first (1st) day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three (1883). Said board of fire commissioners, together with said firemen, shall constitute the fire department of said city. The chief engineer of the fire department shall be *ex-officio* fire warden of said city, and shall in person, or by his assistant, perform such duties

as are, or may be imposed upon him as such fire warden, by ordinance of the common council of said city, and shall receive for such services as fire warden such compensation not exceeding at the rate of three hundred dollars (\$300) per annum, as may from time to time be fixed by the common council. The common council of said city may from time to time, by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of all the members thereof, direct the said board of fire commissioners to increase the number of companies hereinbefore provided for; and such additional companies shall in all respects be organized and maintained pursuant to the provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. Section sixteen (16) of said chapter ten (10) is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 16. The compensation of said firemen under said board, shall be fixed by said board not exceeding the amounts now prescribed by law, except that the compensation of the chief engineer may be fixed at a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500), and the compensation of the superintendent of the fire alarm telegraph may be fixed at a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum, and said superintendent of fire alarm telegraph shall not hold any other position in said fire department; and except that the compensation of the assistant engineer may be fixed at a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) per annum, and said board may require him to devote his whole time to the duties of his office; and except that the compensation of the firemen and drivers of steamers, drivers of hose carts, and foremen of companies, may be fixed at a sum not exceeding seventy dollars (\$70) per month, and the compensation of said board shall be the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) per annum to each member, to be paid in the same manner as the other officers of said city.

SEC. 5. Said chapter ten (10) is further amended by adding thereto the following section:

Section 19. Any vacancy which now exists, or which may from any cause hereafter occur, in said board of fire commissioners, shall be filled by appointment to be made by the mayor, and all appointments made to the said board must be confirmed by the common council of said city, by a majority vote of all the members thereof, and in case the common council shall refuse to confirm any such appointment, the mayor shall forthwith make another appointment and report the same to the next meeting of the council for approval and confirmation.

SEC. 6. It is hereby made the duty of the mayor of said city, immediately upon the passage and approval of this act, to appoint two (2) additional members to the present board of fire commissioners of said city, so that the same shall consist of five (5) members as hereinbefore provided, said members to hold their respective offices until the first (1st) day of January one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six (1886). The successors of the members of said board so to be appointed, shall be appointed by the mayor of said city on the last week day of December, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (1885), and every three (3) years thereafter, and the members so appointed shall hold their said office for the term of three (3) years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The appointments

to be made pursuant to this section must be confirmed by the common council by a majority vote of all its members.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 26, 1883.

CHAPTER 7.

AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS.

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

SEC. 1. That the act entitled "An act to amend and consolidate the charter of the city of Minneapolis," approved March eighth (8th), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), the same being chapter seventy-six (76) of the Special Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), be further amended by striking from the last sentence of section seven (7), chapter nine (9) thereof, the following, to-wit: "Receive any compensation for his services nor," and by adding to said section the following, to-wit: "Each water commissioner shall be entitled to receive from the city an annual salary of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150), to be audited and paid like the salaries of aldermen.

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

Approved February 22, 1883.