

S. F. No. 294.

CHAPTER 219.

An act to provide for the addition of certain territory to cities having a population of over 50,000.

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

Addition of
territory,
cities of
over 50,000.

SECTION 1. Lands not exceeding 50 acres in area, adjoining and contiguous to any organized city of over 50,000 inhabitants may, upon the approval of the mayor of said city, and the board of supervisors of the township in which such lands are located, be attached to, and become part of such city upon the petition of 500 legal voters thereof requesting that said territory be so attached. Said petition shall before its presentation to the mayor be first approved by said board of supervisors, which approval shall be endorsed thereon, signed by a majority of said board and attested by the town clerk, *provided, however*, that after presentation of said petition to the mayor for approval or rejection, a notice specifying the substance thereof and that an application will be made to him to approve the same at a time and place therein named not less than 20 days from the date thereof shall be served upon the owner of said premises so proposed to be attached by the delivery of a copy thereof, or if he cannot be found, of which fact the return of the sheriff that he cannot be found in said county shall be prima facie evidence, then upon the person or persons in actual possession of said premises at least twenty days prior to the date fixed in said notice. If the lands are vacant and unoccupied, and the owner of the record title cannot be found in said county, then said notice shall be published in some newspaper of general circulation, published in said city in one issue thereof, at least twenty days prior to said date. If approved by the mayor, the same shall be endorsed upon said petition and further evidenced by proclamation to be issued by him reciting the prayer of said petition, the number of signatures attached thereto, the approval thereof by said board of supervisors, and certifying that such territory, describing it, is a part of such city, which said proclamation shall be deemed to be prima facie evidence of the matters therein stated, and of the legality and regularity of all proceedings involving the annexation of such territory. Said petition shall be addressed to the mayor and upon presentation shall be filed and recorded in his office.

Publication
of notice.

Approval by
mayor.

SEC. 2. Said proclamation shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which said territory is situated, and also in the office of the secretary of state, whereupon said lands shall be deemed to be attached to and a part of said city. Record of proclamation.

SEC. 3. The expenses incident to such proceedings shall be audited and paid by the city, provided the lands are annexed thereto.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved April 17, 1905.

CHAPTER 220.

S. F. No. 214.

An act relating to the addition of territory to all incorporated cities containing ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants or less.

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

SECTION 1. That whenever the majority of the owners of any property which has been platted into lots and blocks or outlots, or the owner of any tract, piece or parcel of land abutting upon any incorporated city having ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants or less, whether such city is incorporated under general or special laws, shall petition the city council to have such property annexed to the city, the city council may by ordinance declare the same to be an addition to such city and thereupon such territory shall become a part of such city as effectually as if it had been originally a part thereof. Addition of territory, cities of 10,000 or less.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the council of any city adding territory under this act to cause a certified copy of the ordinance aforesaid to be recorded and filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which such city is located in the same manner as city charters are filed and recorded under the General Laws of this state.

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

Approved April 17, 1905.