

Commissioners.

SEC. 2. James T. McCleary, James J. Hill and Thomas B. Walker, citizens of Minnesota, are hereby appointed commissioners for the State of Minnesota for the designing, making and installing in such national statutory hall, such statue of Alexander Ramsey.

SEC. 3. The said commissioners shall create no public liability under this chapter until after report to and approval by the legislature.

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

Approved April 18, 1905.

S. F. No. 331.

CHAPTER 250.

Street railways.

An act empowering city councils in cities now or hereafter having a population of not less than 10,000 inhabitants and not more than 20,000 inhabitants to grant authority for the construction of street railway lines in such cities, and for the purpose of connecting said cities with surrounding territory and other cities and villages, and legalizing and confirming such authority heretofore granted by such city councils.

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

City council in cities not less than 10,000, nor more than 20,000 may grant franchise to street railway companies.

SECTION 1. That the city council of any city in this state now or hereafter having a population of not less than 10,000 inhabitants and not more than 20,000 inhabitants, according to the then last official state or national census, is hereby empowered to grant by ordinance to any person, persons or corporation the authority, right and privilege to construct, maintain and operate street railway lines by other than steam power upon the streets of any said city, and also authority to connect such street railway lines in any said city with other territory, cities and villages in the State of Minnesota for a period of not exceeding twenty-five years. *Provided, however,* that nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the making of any exclusive franchise.

Franchise not exclusive.

Heretofore granted, legalized.

SEC. 2. Where any city council of any said city has heretofore granted by ordinance or resolution to any person, persons or corporation the right and authority to use its streets for the construction and operation of street railway lines of the character described in section 1 hereof, for a period not to exceed twenty-five years, and where

such ordinance or resolution has been accepted by such person, persons or corporation, every such ordinance or resolution is hereby legalized and declared to be valid, *provided* that nothing herein shall be construed to confirm or legalize the granting of any franchise to the extent of making the same exclusive.

SEC. 3. This act shall not include or apply to cities now governed under a charter adopted under and pursuant to Sec. thirty-six (36), article four (4), of the constitution of this state, as amended, and chapter three hundred and fifty-one (351) of the Gen. Laws of 1899 and the several acts amendatory thereof.

Not to apply to certain cities.

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

Approved April 18, 1905.

CHAPTER 251.

S. F. No. 455.

An act to fix the time for the election of superintendent of schools of special districts.

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

SECTION 1. That the superintendent of schools of every special district in this state in which it is provided that said superintendent shall be elected by the board of education of said special district may be elected at any time, notwithstanding any provision in the charter or special act under which such special district was created which requires the election of such superintendent to be had at the first meeting after the annual election of members of said board of education.

Superintendent of schools in special districts.

SEC. 2. This act shall apply to all school districts created under a special law of the State of Minnesota.

Applies to all dist. created by special law.

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

Approved April 18, 1905.