

office of the register of deeds of the proper county shall be in all respects legal and valid and such record shall have the same force and effect in all respects for the purpose of legal notice and evidence and otherwise as may be provided by law in other cases.

Sec. 2. **Not to apply to pending actions.**—Provided that the provisions of this act shall not apply to any action or proceeding now pending in any of the courts of this state.

Approved April 20, 1917.

CHAPTER 507—H. F. No. 877.

An act to amend Section 1766 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, relating to issuing bonds by certain cities for constructing, enlarging, improving or purchasing municipal waterworks or light plants.

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

Section 1. **City council to determine length of time in which bonds are to run.**—That section 1766 of the General Statutes of Minnesota for 1913, same being section 5 of chapter 43 of General Laws of Minnesota, for 1909, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

1766. Such bonds shall be of such denomination as the city council may determine, shall be payable at such place as the city council may designate; at such times, not more than thirty years from date of issue, *as the city council may determine*; shall be made payable to bearer, or to the order of the person or corporation to whom they may be delivered, as such city may deem best, and shall draw interest payable semi-annually, at such place as the city council may determine, at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, to be represented by coupons attached to said bonds. Said bonds and coupons shall be signed by the mayor and attested by the clerk, or similar officer, or recorder of such city, and the corporate seal of the city shall be imprinted upon said bonds.

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

Approved April 20, 1917.

CHAPTER 508—H. F. No. 909.

An act to amend Section 3081, Revised Laws 1905; as amended by Section 2, Chapter 381, Laws 1911, relating to election of officers and managers of the state agricultural society.

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

Section 1. State agricultural society to elect one manager from each congressional district not represented by a vice president—date of meeting of society and how officers and managers are to be elected and terms of same.—That section 3081, Revised Laws 1905, as amended by section 2, chapter 381, Laws 1911, be amended to read as follows:

3081. The management and control of its affairs shall be vested in its president, two vice presidents, and *eight* other managers, *one from each congressional district not represented by a vice president*, to be known as its governing board, all of whom shall be citizens of this state, and any *six of whom* shall constitute a quorum. The annual meeting of such society shall be held at such place in St. Paul or Minneapolis or upon the state fair grounds as the governing board may select. *It shall begin on the Wednesday following the second Tuesday in January, and shall continue until the following Friday, on which day a president shall be elected for the term of one year, one vice president for a term of two years and eight managers as follows: at the annual meeting in 1918 and on each third year thereafter one manager from each of the 1st, 3rd and 6th congressional districts; at the annual meeting in 1919 and on each third year thereafter one manager from each of the 7th and 9th congressional districts; at the annual meeting in 1920 and on each third year thereafter one manager from each of the 2nd, 8th and 10th congressional districts; provided that at the first regular meeting of said board held after the passage and approval of this act, the governing board shall appoint one manager from each congressional district not represented on the board by a manager, the managers so appointed to serve until the next following annual election, at which annual meeting in January, 1916, a successor to said appointed manager from the 3rd congressional district shall be elected for a term of three years, and a successor to said appointed manager from the 8th congressional district shall be elected for a term of two years, in addition to the election of successors to managers and officers whose elective terms expire at such meeting, all of which managers shall thereafter be elected for the term of three years; provided further, that at no time shall more than one member of the governing board, exclusive of president, hereinbefore provided for be a resident of any one congressional district. On the day preceding the last day of said annual meeting the duly accredited delegates to said meeting from each congressional district whose member of said board of managers is about to expire shall meet together at the place for holding said annual meeting and nominate and certify to said annual meeting the choice of such district for such manager, and at the time fixed by law for the election of the president of such society, and after such nominations have been so certified, presented and read to said annual meeting, the said annual meeting shall proceed to elect man-*

agers to fill all expiring terms. Vacancies shall be filled by the governing board. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the society which shall elect a successor to serve out the unexpired term.

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

Approved April 20, 1917.

CHAPTER 509—H. F. No. 1009.

An act to authorize certain cities in the state of Minnesota to sprinkle its streets, alleys, highways, public ways and public grounds, and to assess the cost thereof on property benefited thereby, and defining such sprinkling.

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

Section 1. **City of Winona authorized to sprinkle streets and make assessments for same.**—That the city council or other governing body of each city in the state of Minnesota which now has or hereafter may have 20,000, and not more than 50,000, inhabitants, is hereby authorized and empowered to sprinkle its streets, alleys, highways, public ways and public grounds, without letting the same by contract, and to levy assessments for all or any portion of the cost thereof upon property to be benefited thereby as such city council or other governing body may determine, in the manner and as hereinafter designated, notwithstanding any provisions in the charter of such city or the general laws of this state to the contrary.

For the purposes of this act the population of each city of this state shall be ascertained and determined according to the last census taken under and pursuant to the laws and authority of the state of Minnesota.

Sec. 2. **Definition of term sprinkling.**—Sprinkling as used or referred to in this act shall be deemed to include sprinkling, flushing, saturating or treating the surface of streets, alleys, highways, public ways and public grounds with water, oil or any kind of fluid, mineral or other substance, for the purpose of preventing dust in the atmosphere or on the surface of such streets, alleys, highways, public ways and public grounds.

Sec. 3. **City council to determine territory to be sprinkled.**—Such city council or other governing body may at any time determine by resolution what territory in such city shall be sprinkled during the sprinkling season of that year and may divide such territory into two or more sprinkling districts, describing the boundary lines of each such district. Each district so determined shall be designated by number, and thereafter all reference to such district by number in any notice required