

ballots in the office of the secretary of state, or elsewhere. Such inspectors shall be selected in the same manner as for county or municipal contests. Contests for district judge, or other offices not specifically provided for herein, shall be conducted under this section, the procedure therefor to be fixed by the court. Inspection of ballots shall be conducted in the presence of the legal custodian of the ballots and the party applying therefor shall file with the clerk a bond in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars if the contest be within a single county; otherwise such bonds shall be in a sum to be fixed by the court in its discretion, with two sureties, and conditioned that he will pay the costs and expenses of such in case he fails to maintain his contest. If the contestant prevails in his contest the cost shall be taxed against the contestee. In case either party neglects or refuses to name an inspector, he shall be named by the judge. The compensation of inspectors shall be the same as for referees, unless otherwise stipulated. Any court of proper jurisdiction may order the return of any ballots to the county from which they were sent, after inspection, if necessary to be used in any other contest proceeding. The secretary of state shall preserve any ballots in his possession until the next general election, unless otherwise directed by order of court.

Sec. 17. Sections 516, 517, 518 and 392 General Statutes 1913 are hereby expressly repealed.

Sec. 18. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved April 17, 1915.

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#### CHAPTER 168—H. F. No. 120.

*An Act to amend Chapter 458 General Laws of Minnesota for 1913, entitled "An Act to fix the terms of certain county officers."*

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

Section 1. **Election of clerks of court in 1918.**—In every county in this state there shall be elected at the general election in 1918 a county auditor, county treasurer, sheriff, register of deeds, county attorney, clerk of the district court, court commissioner, coroner, county surveyor and county superintendent of schools.

Sec. 2. **Present officials to hold until 1919.**—The terms of office of the said county officers shall be four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall begin on the first Monday in January next succeeding said election, and said offices shall be filled by election every four (4) years thereafter.

Sec. 3. **County board to fill vacancies.**—Any person now holding any one of the said offices, whether by election or appointment, shall continue in such office until the first Monday in January A. D. 1919, and any appointment made to fill a vacancy in any of the said offices shall be for the balance of such entire term. *All appointments under the provisions of this act, shall be made by the county board.*

Sec. 4. **Inconsistent acts repealed.**—All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1915.

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CHAPTER 169—H. F. No. 574.

*An Act to amend Section 1 Chapter 123, General Laws Minnesota, 1905, same being Section 1932, General Statutes Minnesota 1913, relating to the authority of villages to issue bonds for the purpose of refunding their floating indebtedness.*

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

Section 1. **Certain villages to issue bonds not exceeding twenty per cent of assessed valuation.**—That Section 1, Chapter 123, General Laws Minnesota 1905, same being Section 1932, General Statutes Minnesota 1913, be amended so as to read as follows:

“Sec. 1. Any village in this state having a floating indebtedness may issue the bonds of such village for the purpose of refunding such indebtedness in the manner hereinafter provided; but no such bonds shall be issued or sold by said village, which, with bonds already issued, shall exceed *twenty per cent* of the assessed valuation of real estate of said village. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum, payable annually or semi-annually, as may be determined by said village council, and may run for a period not exceeding *twenty* years. Such bonds shall not be sold for less than their par value and the proceeds thereof shall be used exclusively for the payment of such outstanding floating indebtedness of said village.

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

Approved April 17, 1915.