

WATER WORKS.

CHAPTER 172.

[H. B. 189.]

FIRE APPARATUS.

AN ACT to Amend Section 2459 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota, Relating to Water Works and Fire Apparatus in Cities, Towns and Villages.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section 2459 of the Revised Codes be amended so as to read as follows:

§ 2459. All cities, towns and villages in this state having a population of one thousand inhabitants or more are authorized and empowered to purchase, erect, lease, rent, manage and maintain any system or part of system of water works, hydrants and supply of water, telegraph fire signals or fire apparatus that may be of use in the prevention and extinguishment of fires; and to pass such ordinances, penal or otherwise, as may be necessary for the full protection, maintenance, management and control of the property so leased, purchased or erected. The city council or board of trustees of such city, or municipal corporation is authorized and empowered to assess, levy and collect taxes for the purposes aforesaid, and to do all acts necessary to carry such lease and contracts of purchase, erection or maintenance into effect, and to pay the stipulated rent or contract prices for the property so leased, purchased, erected or to be maintained; provided, that any such lease or contracts for purchase, erection or maintenance which shall stipulate for an annual payment greater than an annual levy of seven mills upon each dollar of the assessed valuation of such city or municipal corporation shall not be authorized until the contract providing therefor shall first have been submitted to a vote of the people of such city or municipal corporation at a general or special election and ratified by a majority of the voters of said city or municipal corporation voting at such election.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] Whereas, there is now no law authorizing cities, towns and villages to raise sufficient revenue for water works and fire apparatus, an emergency exists; therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 7, 1899.