

from the municipalities composing said county if the same be approved by the requisite number of the ratepayers, or if the same be not approved then the said expenses shall be levied upon and collected from the municipality or municipalities whose council or councils may have asked for the submission of such by-law.

Mode of submitting by-laws to electors.

Returning officers.

Voters' lists.

Loans for payment of old county debts.

Proviso.

Sec. 449 amended.

Consent of ratepayers required.

(b). The proceedings for submitting such by-law or of any by-law submitted under section 449 of "The Manitoba Municipal Act, 1884, as hereby amended for the approval of the ratepayers, for taking their votes thereon, and for petitioning against or quashing the by-law shall be the same as nearly as possible as that provided by the said Act with reference to by-laws for raising money upon the credit of a municipality. The Board shall fix the time and place for voting on the by-law, and the clerk of each municipality in the county, or such other person as the Judicial District Board shall appoint shall be the returning officer for such municipality with all the powers of a returning officer at municipal elections, and his returns shall be made to the secretary-treasurer of the District Board who shall upon receipt of all the returns add up the number of votes for and against the by-law, and certify to the Board whether the required majority have approved or disapproved of the by-law, and shall keep the same with the poll books in the records of his office. The clerks of the different municipalities shall furnish to the deputy returning officers the voters' lists and poll books as in case of municipal elections.

(c). Notwithstanding any provisions of any statutes to the contrary the various Judicial District Boards of the Province shall have power in their discretion under resolution without submission to the ratepayers to borrow from any persons or corporations all sums of money required by them to pay off and liquidate the claims and obligations to which the county corporations heretofore existing were liable and for which the said Boards are now liable under "The Manitoba Municipal Act, 1884" by giving bonds, notes or other written obligations therefor and the said sums so borrowed shall be chargeable against the municipalities within the county or counties the obligations of which are so liquidated. Provided that no such bond or note shall be given for any period exceeding one year except under a by-law approved by the ratepayers as herein before mentioned.

14. Section 449 of the said "The Manitoba Municipal Act, 1884" is hereby amended by adding the following words:—

"Provided also that the debentures shall not be issued under such by-law nor shall the said undertaking be carried out and performed, unless, or until, the said by-law shall have