

or renewed, and if, at said election, a majority of the said electors voting thereon shall vote for the grant, extension, or renewal of such franchise the same shall be granted by the proper authorities at the next succeeding regular meeting of the legislative body of the city.

SEC. 422. — *May Engage in Any Business.* — Every municipal corporation within this State shall have the right to engage in any business or enterprise which may be engaged in by a person, firm, or corporation by virtue of a franchise from said corporation.

SEC. 423. — *Reservation of Control Over Public Highways; Charges Regulated; Exclusive Franchises Prohibited.* — No grant, extension, or renewal of any franchise or other use of the streets, alleys, or other public grounds or ways of any municipality, shall divest the State, or any of its subordinate subdivisions, of their control and regulation of such use and enjoyment.

Nor shall the power to regulate the charges for public services be surrendered; and no exclusive franchise shall ever be granted.

SEC. 435. — *Eight Hours.* — Eight hours shall constitute a day's work in all cases of employment by and on behalf of the State or any county or municipality.

CONVICT LABOR

SEC. 436. — *Contracting for.* — The contracting of convict labor is hereby prohibited.

CHILD LABOR

SEC. 437. — *Employment Prohibited.* — The employment of children, under the age of fifteen years, in any occupation, injurious to health or morals or especially hazardous to life or limb, is hereby prohibited.

SEC. 438. — *Underground Work Prohibited; Eight Hours a Day.* — Boys under the age of sixteen years, and women and girls, shall not be employed, underground, in the operation of mines; and, except in case of emergency, eight hours shall constitute a day's work underground in all mines in the State.

SEC. 439. — *Health and Safety of Employees.* — The Legislature shall pass laws to protect the health and safety of employees in factories, in mines, and on railroads.

CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE

SEC. 440. — *Defense of.* — The defense of contributory negligence or of assumption of risk shall, in all cases whatsoever, be a question of fact, and shall, at all times, be left to the jury.

PERSONAL INJURIES

SEC. 441. — *Right of Action; Damages.* — The right of action to recover damages for injuries resulting in death shall never be abrogated, and the amount recoverable shall not be subject to any statutory limitation.