

THE

STATUTES OF CALIFORNIA,

PASSED AT

The Eighth Session of the Legislature.

1857.

BEGUN ON MONDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF JANUARY, AND ENDED ON
THURSDAY, THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL.

SACRAMENTO:

JAMES ALLEN, STATE PRINTER.

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CHAPTER CCXLVI.

AN ACT

To supply the City of Nevada with Water, and to protect the City against Fires.

[Approved April 29, 1857.]

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

Trustees power
to grant rights.

SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees of the city of Nevada, shall have power to grant to any person or person, the sole and exclusive right for the term not exceeding twenty years, to lay pipes through the city, for the purpose of supplying the city with water, and for the protection of the city against fires, on the conditions hereinafter imposed. But this Act shall not be held to take away or impair any right of any company or individual, to supply said city or inhabitants thereof with water, acquired before any grant or contract shall be made, by virtue of this Act.

Specifications to
be published.

SEC. 2. The Board of Trustees shall publish for three weeks, in a newspaper printed in the city of Nevada, specifications giving the character of the work to be done by the grantees, the size and material of the pipes, the depth at which they shall be laid, the point at which the work shall commence, the number, size, and construction of hydrants, and the points where the same shall be placed, the time when the work shall be commenced and finished, and all other specifications that may be necessary to a full understanding of the nature and probable expense of the work to be done, and to furnish the city with an abundant supply of water, at all times.

Submitted to
people.

SEC. 3. Said specifications shall be submitted to the people at a city election, to be approved or rejected. If approved by a majority of the people, the Trustees of the city may proceed to make the grant specified in section first of this Act. If rejected by a majority of the people, other specifications may be made out, and published as before provided, and a special election may be called for the purpose of determining the will of the people upon the same.

Special election.

Rates
established.

SEC. 4. The grantees shall have the right to collect such rates, and no other, as shall be annually established by the Board of Trustees for the use of water; but the Board of Trustees shall not, at any time, establish such rates as may reduce the rate of interest on the capital invested, below two per cent. per month.