

12-1301. Land for park purposes; sales or exchanges in connection with parks; use of moneys; notice; protest; election; validation of prior sales and conveyances. Any city may acquire by purchase, or lease or may take options upon, land within or without the limits of said city to be used as a public park for the use and benefit of the people of said city. Any city may trade or exchange any public park, public square or market square which it may own, or any portion thereof, for other land to be used for similar purposes, or may sell the same. Any such sale heretofore made is hereby confirmed, legalized and declared to be a valid sale and conveyance. Before making any such trade or exchange or sale, the city shall first publish notice of such proposal in the official city paper once each week for two consecutive weeks upon the same day of the week and, if within thirty (30) days from the date of the last publication there has not been filed with the city clerk of such city a protest signed by qualified electors of such city equal in number to not less than ten percent (10%) of the electors who voted at the last preceding regular city election as shown by the poll books, such city may make such sale, trade or exchange.

In the event such a petition is filed with the city clerk within the time prescribed above no such sale, trade or exchange shall be made until the governing body shall be instructed so to do by a majority of all the votes cast on this proposition at a regular or special election. Any election required as herein provided shall be called and held as provided by law for bond elections.

History: R.S. 1923, § 12-1301; L. 1939, ch. 97, § 1; L. 1941, ch. 107, § 1; L. 1947, ch. 121, § 1; L. 1965, ch. 106, § 1; L. 1976, ch. 77, § 2; April 8.