

## CHAPTER LXXXI.

February 26.  
1872.

*An Act to remove the County seat of Houston County.*

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

Authority to  
remove county  
seat.

SECTION 1. The county seat of the county of Houston, in the state of Minnesota, is hereby removed from the town of Caledonia, where it is now located, to the village of Houston in said county; provided that a majority of the voters voting at the next general election, after the passage of this act shall ratify this act.

Notice of elec-  
tion.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the officers of each of the voting precincts in the said county of Houston, whose duty it is to give notice of general election, at the time of giving notice of the next general election, to be held in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy two, (1872) to give notice at the same time that at such election the provisions of this act will be submitted to the electors of said county of Houston for their approval or rejection.

Form of ballot.

SEC. 3. At said election each voter in said county in favor of the removal of the county seat, as provided in this act, shall have plainly written or printed, or partly written or partly printed, on their ballots, "For the removal of the county seat," those opposed to the removal of county seat, shall have plainly written or printed, or partly written and partly printed on their ballots, "Against removal of county seat."

Canvass of  
votes.

SEC. 4. Such vote shall be received and canvassed at the same time and in the same manner, and returns thereof made to the same officers by the judges of election in the several voting precincts in said county, as votes for county officers are required to be canvassed and returned.

SEC. 5. The county canvassing board of said county, shall canvass the returns of the votes upon the said proposition, to remove the county seat in the same manner and at the same time as returns of the votes for the county officers are required by law to be canvassed, and the abstract thereof shall be made on one sheet, and signed and certified in the same manner, as in the case of the abstract of votes for county officers, and shall deposit the same in the county auditor's office immediately thereafter, and a copy thereof duly certified by the county auditor immediately inclosed and forwarded by him to the secretary of the state, as provided by section twenty one (21) of chapter one (1) of the general statutes, and if it appears that a majority of all the votes cast at said election were in favor of said removal provided for in this act, the governor shall make proclamation to that effect in such manner as he shall deem advisable.

Proceedings of  
canvassing  
board.

SEC. 6. In case the county seat of said county of Houston shall be removed, as provided in the preceding sections of this act, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of the said county of Houston, to provide suitable offices at the said village of Houston for the county officers, and all the records of said county shall be immediately removed thereto by the several officers having them in charge.

Removal of  
county records

SEC. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal of in-  
consistent acts.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after its passage, except as to section one of this act, which shall take effect after said section has been ratified by the electors of said county, as proposed in this act.

When act to  
take effect.

Approved February 26, 1872.