

CHAPTER 344.

[H. F. No. 206.]

AN ACT TO FIX THE SALARY OF THE PROBATE JUDGE OF THE COUNTY OF CARLTON.

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

SECTION 1. That the salary of the probate judge of the county of Carlton be and the same is hereby fixed at the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) per annum, payable as the salaries of other county officers are now paid, and beginning from the year A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety-one (1891).

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 27, 1891.

CHAPTER 345.

[S. F. No. 193.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARLTON COUNTY TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING AND BUILDING ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of Carlton county are hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of said county, to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), for the purpose of improving and building public roads and bridges within said county, and for no other purpose whatever.

SEC. 2. The said bonds shall be prepared under the direction of the board of county commissioners of said county, who shall determine the number and amount thereof; the bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners of said county and attested by the county auditor, who shall affix the seal of said county thereto, and who shall keep a record thereof, in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, showing the date, number and amount of each bond, when and to whom issued, when and where payable and when redeemed; said bonds shall bear date on the day when the same are issued and shall become due and payable not less than ten (10) or more than twenty (20) years from date, and shall bear interest, at a rate not to exceed seven (7) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually; and the said bonds shall not be negotiated or sold for less than their par value.

SEC. 3. The county auditor of said county shall, at the time other taxes are levied in each year, subsequent to the issue of any bonds under the provisions of this chapter, levy upon the taxable property of said county an amount sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds as the same becomes due, and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds; and the levy so made for the payment of the interest and principal of said bonds to be in lieu of all other taxes levied by said county for road and bridge purposes.

SEC. 4. The taxes collected shall be applied by the county treasurer of said county of Carlton as follows:

First—In the payment of the matured coupons of said bonds as presented, and said coupons when paid shall be by him canceled and transferred to the auditor of said county.

Second—The amount received from taxation in excess of the amount required to pay the interest of said bonds as the same becomes due shall be placed to the credit of a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds issued under this act, and the said bonds, when paid by the treasurer, shall be by him canceled and transferred to the auditor of said county.

SEC. 5. The moneys raised under the provisions of this act shall be expended under the direction of the board of county commissioners of Carlton county, and there shall be expended so much of said sum as may be necessary to construct and put in good passable and substantial condition the county road as now surveyed and located through said county, from the county line of St. Louis county to the county line of Pine county, reserving, however, to the county commissioners of said Carlton county the right to make such changes in said line of road as a resurvey thereof may prove more economical; but in no event shall more than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) of said sum be so expended. The further sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be expended exclusively within the limits of the town of Knife Falls; and the residue of said sum shall be expended in the several towns of said county as may be directed by the said board of county commissioners. The work shall be done by contract; each contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall furnish security for the performance of the contract entered into by him and for the payment of all labor done or performed upon the improvement covered by said contract; the bidding for which shall be by sealed bids furnished to the board, upon reasonable public notice by publication in one or more newspapers published in said county, and such other notice as the board of county commissioners shall deem necessary to secure proper competition for the performance of said work; and the board, in inviting bids for the performance of work, shall at all times reserve the right to reject all bids, and shall bind contractors to the performance of their contract by specifications clearly defining the work to be done under the contract; each member of the board of county commissioners, before directing the expenditure of any of the moneys raised under the provisions of this act, shall give bonds, in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), to be approved by the judge of the district court of Carlton county, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties incumbent upon them by this act.

SEC. 6. Before any bonds shall be issued under the provisions of this act the proposition to issue the same shall first be sub-

mitted to a vote of the electors of said Carlton county at a regular election, or at a special election therefor to be held in said county at such time as shall by resolution be determined by said board of commissioners. If said proposition shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said county at a regular election, then the same notices shall be given as are required by law for a regular election; if at a special election, the said board of county commissioners shall, before the holding of said special election, give twenty (20) days' public notice of the time of holding said special election, by posting in three (3) public places in each commissioner district, or within each election precinct (if there be one (1) or more in such commissioner district), three (3) notices setting forth that a proposition for issuing said bonds will be voted upon at said election.

The polling places shall be the same as at the last general election in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety (1890) held in said county, and the polls thereof shall be open from the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon to the hour of five (5) o'clock in the afternoon of the day appointed for said special election. The notices herein provided for shall also state the hours during which the polls will be kept open for voting upon said proposition. It is hereby made the duty of all officers of said county to comply with the directions of said board in preparing notices and other necessary arrangements for said election, whether general or special. The ballots in substance shall be according to law and shall have printed on them the following words:

"For issue of bonds not exceeding twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars, for laying out, altering and improving highways, roads and the building of bridges," or "Against issue of bonds not exceeding twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars, for laying out, altering and improving highways, roads and the building of bridges." Said votes shall be cast at said polling places in the same manner as votes are cast for county officers. The votes shall be canvassed in the same manner as votes cast for county officers, and if upon such canvass a majority of said votes cast shall be in favor of issuing said bonds, the said board of county commissioners shall issue said bonds as provided by this act. Said bonds when issued in accordance with this act shall be lawful and valid.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 16, 1891.

CHAPTER 346.

[S. F. No. 540.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARLTON COUNTY TO ISSUE BONDS TO FUND THE FLOATING INDEBTEDNESS OF SAID COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of the county of Carlton and state of Minnesota are hereby authorized and empowered