

CHAPTER 20.

Feb. 23, 1854.

*An Act to establish certain Counties and for other purpo.*

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*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:*  
That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the County of Houston :

County of  
Houston.

Beginning at a point on the Mississippi River on the line of Iowa and Minnesota; thence west to the southwest corner of Township No. 101 North of Range No. 7 West: thence North twenty-four miles to the northwest corner of Township No. 104 North of Range No. 7 West; thence east to the Mississippi River; thence down the said river to the place of beginning.

That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the County of Fillmore:

County of  
Fillmore.

Beginning at the south-east corner of Township No. 101, North of Range No 8 West; thence North twenty-four miles to the north-east corner of Township No. 104, North of Range No. 8 West; thence west eighteen miles; thence north twelve miles; thence west eighteen miles to the north-west corner of Township No. 106, North of Range No. 13 West; thence south to the south-west corner of Township No. 101, North of Range No. 13 West: thence east on the Iowa Line to the place of beginning.

That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby, established as the County of Winona:

County of  
Winona.

Beginning at the south-west corner of Township No. 105, North of Range No. 10 West; thence north twenty four miles to the north-west corner of Township No. 108, North of Range No. 10 West; thence east to the Mississippi River; thence down said river to the north-east corner of Houston County: thence west to the place of beginning.

That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby, established as the County of Wabasha:

County of  
Wabasha.

Beginning at the south-east corner of Township No. 107, North of Range No. 11 West: thence west thirty miles to the south-west corner of Township No. 107, North of Range No. 15 West; thence north twelve miles; thence east six miles; thence north twelve miles; thence east six miles; thence north twelve miles; thence east six miles; thence north six miles; thence east six miles; thence north to Lake Pepin; thence down said Lake and the Mississippi River to the north-east corner of Winona County; thence west to the north-west corner of Winona County; thence south to the place of beginning.

That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the County of Goodhue:

County of  
Goodhue.

Beginning at the north-east corner of Township No. 112, North of Range No. 13 West; thence south six miles; thence west six miles; thence south six miles; thence west six miles; thence south twelve miles to the south-east corner of Township No. 109, North of Range No. 115; thence west twenty-four miles to the south-west

corner of Township No. 100, North of Range No. 18 West; thence north to the Cannon River; thence down said river to the lines between Ranges 17 and 18; thence north to the south-east corner of Township No. 113 North of Range 18 West; thence east six miles; thence north to the Mississippi River; thence down said river and Lake Pepin to the place of beginning.

That the counties of Houston and Winona, on the first Tuesday of April next are each hereby authorised to hold a special election, within the precincts as are now designated by the county commissioners of Fillmore county, for the purpose of choosing the following county officers, to wit: Three county commissioners, one register of deeds, one county treasurer, one sheriff, one district attorney, one judge of probate, one county surveyor, one coroner, three assessors, one supervisor of roads for each road district, two justices of the peace, and two constables for each precinct.

What counties  
to hold election.

County officers.

Said election shall be held at the precincts now authorised by law for holding general elections, and the said election shall be conducted in the same manner as is provided by law for holding general elections; and the returns of said election shall be returned to the register of deeds of Fillmore county, and the said register is hereby authorised and required to canvass the said returns according to law, and to issue to each person receiving the highest number of votes a certificate of their election, and upon the receipt of such certificate, said person may immediately qualify, and enter upon the duties of his office, and the officers so elected shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected at the next general election, and qualified according to law; and the Governor of this Territory is hereby authorised and requested to appoint inspectors of elections for each precinct of the said counties for the special election.

Returns how  
made; Officers to  
qualify.

The County Seat of said County of Winona shall be at the village of Winona, at such point as the County Commissioners of said county may select on the present recorded village plat of Winona.

The County Seat of said County of Goodhue, shall be located at the village of Red Wing, at such point in said village as the County Commissioners of said County may select.

The County Seat of said County of Houston shall be located at the village of Brownsville, at such point as the County Commissioners of said County may select.

This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first Tuesday of April next.

N. C. D. TAYLOR,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

S. B. OLMSTEAD,

*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—February twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Saint Paul, March 31st, 1854. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original act on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

*Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.*