

CHAPTER LXXIII.

An Act in relation to the Board of County Commissioners of Ramsey county.

March 4, 1871.

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

Effect of Commissioners, when divided into Commissioner districts.

SECTION 1. At the next spring election there shall be elected six county commissioners of the county of Ramsey, four of whom shall be elected from the body of electors of the city of St. Paul, and two from that portion of the said county outside of the limits of the said city. Said county of Ramsey outside of the limits of the said city shall be divided into two commissioner districts, as follows, to-wit: The townships of Reserve, Rose and Mounds View shall constitute district number one, and the townships of New Canada, McLean and White Bear shall constitute district number two; *Provided*, That all commissioners elected under the provisions of this act from the body of the electors of the city of St. Paul shall be elected at the annual elections held in said city under its charter.

Term of office.

SEC. 2. Two of the commissioners so elected within the said city, at large, and one of the said commissioners so elected from the county at large, shall hold office for one year, and the remaining two from the said city at large, and the one from the said county at large shall hold

office for two years ; the term of office of the candidate to be voted for shall be specified on the ballot.

SEC. 3. At each spring election succeeding the election of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one, there shall be elected three commissioners, whose term of office shall be two years ; two of the commissioners so to be elected shall be elected from the electors of the city of St. Paul, and one from the electors of the county at large. The term of office of all commissioners elected in pursuance of the provisions of this act, shall commence at the first regular meeting of said board after such election.

When elected—
term of office—
when term to
begin.

SEC. 4. The mayor of the city of St. Paul for the time current shall be a full member of the board of commissioners and chairman thereof.

Who to be Chair-
man of Board.

SEC. 5. The members of the existing board of commissioners of the said county shall continue to act as such in conjunction with the board hereby created, so long as the official terms of the said members shall continue.

Unexpired term
to be served out.

SEC. 6. Each commissioner shall, before entering upon his duties, take and subscribe in addition to the oath now provided by law, an oath that he will not, during his term of office, directly or indirectly be or become interested in any manner in any contract, or in any manner receive any emolument, compensation or profit arising out of any letting, contract, purchase or supplies furnished for or to the county, under penalty of a forfeiture of his office, to be declared by a majority of the board, and by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of any court of competent jurisdiction.

Oath of office—
penalty for vio-
lation.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the board to cause to be prepared by the auditor semi-annually and publish in some daily paper of the city of St. Paul, a detailed statement of all appropriations and expenditures of the board, for what purposes and to whom paid, and at the end of the fiscal year an annual report showing all moneys expended the purpose for which the same were expended, and a full and true exhibit of the financial condition of the county.

Duty of County
Auditor.

SEC. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal of incon-
sistent acts.

SEC. 9. This act shall be in force immediately upon its passage.

When act to take
effect.

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