

manner as votes cast for corporation officers, and shall be canvassed by the same officers; and if upon said canvass it shall appear that a majority of the electors who have voted on the said question shall have voted for the issue of said bonds, the issue of said bonds shall be lawful.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7, 1873.

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## CHAPTER CXLV.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NOBLES COUNTY, MINNESOTA, TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

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

SECTION 1. That the county commissioners of the county of Nobles are hereby authorized and empowered to issue from time to time the bonds of the county of Nobles for the purpose of constructing roads and bridges in the said county, in a sum not exceeding ten thousand \$10,000 dollars, and in such denominations as the commissioners of said county may determine.

SEC. 2. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding twelve per cent. per annum, payable annually, and the principal to become due and payable at such time or times not less than five years nor more than ten years after the date of said bonds, as the said board of commissioners shall by resolution provide.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall have interest coupons attached thereto, which said bonds and coupons shall be signed by the chairman of the board of said commissioners, and attested by the auditor of said county, and sealed with his seal, and the said auditor shall keep a record of all the bonds issued under the provisions of this act, giving numbers, date and amounts to whom issued and when payable.

SEC. 4. The proper authorities of said county shall annually include in the general tax an amount sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds, as they may be issued, and when any principal is about to become due, a sufficient amount to pay such principal.

SEC. 5. The said board of county commissioners shall have

authority to negotiate said bonds as in their judgment shall be best for the interest of the county; *Provided*, That the said board shall not negotiate said bonds for less than eighty-five cents on a dollar.

SEC. 6. Said bonds shall not be issued as provided in section one of this act unless authorized by a majority of the qualified voters of said county, and for the purpose of taking the vote of said voters, the commissioners of said county shall give public notice in some newspaper having general circulation in said county, for at least ten days previous to the next annual town election, and shall also post notices in at least five public places in said county, at least ten days previous to said election, setting forth substantially the amount of bonds proposed to be issued or disposed of, and the time of voting upon the question; and those in favor of such issue shall have written or printed or partly written and partly printed on the ballots used at such election the words "For issue of bonds for constructing roads and bridges," and those voting against such issue shall have written or printed or partly written and partly printed on the ballots used, the words "Against the issue of bonds for constructing roads and bridges." Voting shall be done at usual places of holding elections in said county, and shall be conducted in the same manner as other elections; and it shall be the duty of the town clerks of the several towns in said county to make a return to the county auditor of said county, of the vote cast in his town on said proposition, within five days after said election, and the votes shall be canvassed by the auditor and two justices of the peace of said county within ten days after said election, and if a majority of said votes so reported shall be in favor of the issue of such bonds they shall be issued, but not otherwise.

SEC. 7. No part of the bonds provided for in this act shall be disposed of at a lower price than their par value, until they shall have been offered to the highest bidder, in sums of five hundred dollars and upward, by advertisement for thirty days in one newspaper in the county of Nobles, and in one daily paper published at Saint Paul, and the proceeds of all such bonds shall be exclusively applied to roads and bridges that shall be constructed or built after the passage of this act.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1873.