

the subdivision of such sections may be then proceed with as hereinbefore directed.

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

When act to take effect.

Approved March 5, 1875.

CHAPTER XXXII.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH LANDMARKS FOR TOWNSHIPS.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of every county in this state having a population of over five thousand, to cause to be placed at the northeast section stake on the northeast corner of every government township in their respective counties a "landmark;" said landmark shall be of a stone not less than eight inches square and two feet long, sunk the full depth in the ground, duly marked on the top by chisel marks, the number and range of said township and section, or an iron post two inches square and thirty inches long, with flat head six inches square, with letters on the top indicating the town, range and section, the expenses to be paid out of the county treasury, as other expenses of said county are paid.

County commissioners to establish township landmarks.

SEC. 2. Said "landmarks" shall be located by the county surveyor of each county, and where there be no county surveyor, then by a competent surveyor employed by said commissioners, and shall be located if possible where the government stake was located, or as near as can be, and the same shall be considered and taken prima facie evidence as the legal corner of said government section one in said government township, according to government survey.

By whom located.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, destroy or deface said "landmarks," and upon conviction of the same shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by fine and imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court, not more than one hundred dollars and not less than twenty-five dollars, and not more than thirty days' imprisonment in the county jail of the county.

Penalty for defacing or destroying landmarks.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 9, 1875.