

CHAPTER LXXXI.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING A COURT HOUSE AND COUNTY JAIL IN SAID COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. That the county commissioners of the county of Douglas are hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of the county of Douglas, for the purpose of erecting a court house and county jail in said county, in a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, in such denominations as said commissioners may determine.

SEC. 2. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding ten per cent. per annum, payable annually, and the principal shall be paid as follows: one fifth in six years, and one fifth each year thereafter until all of said bonds are paid.

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

SEC. 4. Said board of commissioners or a majority of them, shall have authority to negotiate said bonds as in their judgment shall be best for the interest of said county, and it shall be the duty of said board to see that said bonds are appropriated, and used for the purposes herein specified; *Provided*, That none of said bonds shall be negotiated at less than their par value.

SEC. 5. Said board and the proper authorities of said county, shall, and are hereby authorized and empowered to, levy an annual tax on the taxable property of said county, over and above and in addition to all other taxes required by law to be levied, sufficient to pay the interest accruing upon said bonds as they mature, and also to levy an additional tax when any principal is about to become due, sufficient in amount to pay such principal sum or sums at maturity, which taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes for county purposes are levied and collected.

SEC. 6. Before said bonds shall issue, the proposition to issue them shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said county, at the next annual town meeting; the ballots used at said town meetings in voting upon said proposition, shall have written or printed thereon the following words: "For the issue of county bonds for building court house and jail," or "Against the issue of county bonds for building court house and jail."

SEC. 7. Said votes shall be cast at said election in the same manner

as votes cast for town officers, under the laws of the state, and if upon an official canvass of said votes in the manner provided for county officers, a majority of said voters who have voted upon said proposition are found to have voted in favor thereof, then said bonds shall issue, and said bonds so issued shall be valid to all intents and purposes; but if a majority of said voters who have voted upon said proposition are found to have voted against the same, then said bonds shall not issue and any issue of such bonds shall be wholly null and void: *Provided*, No ballots shall be counted for or against said proposition unless written or printed as hereinbefore specified.

SEC. 8. The town clerks of the several towns in the county, are hereby required to certify to the auditor of said county the result of said election, within five days after the same, specifying in such returns the number of votes cast for and against said proposition.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 10th, 1876.

CHAPTER LXXXII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF STEVENS COUNTY TO ISSUE THE BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO FUND ITS FLOATING DEBT,

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of Stevens county are hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of said county to the amount of twenty-five hundred dollars, for the purpose of funding the floating indebtedness of said county.

SEC. 2. Said bonds shall be in sums of not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars, with interest coupons attached, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding twelve per cent. per annum, payable annually, and shall be made payable at such time and place as the county commissioners may direct.

SEC. 3. Such bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners, and be attested by the county auditor, and shall not be sold at less than their par value; and the county auditor shall keep a record of all bonds issued.

SEC. 4. The county commissioners of said county shall annually include in their tax levy an amount sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds, and they shall also include in their tax levy next preceding the time when any of the principal of said bonds falls due, an amount sufficient to meet such principal at maturity.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 8, 1876.