

“Against the issue of bonds for bridge across the Minnesota river.” Said votes shall be cast at said election as the votes for county officers are cast, and if upon the canvass of said votes in the manner provided for the canvass of votes for county officers, it shall be found that a majority of the voters who shall have voted upon said proposition have voted in favor thereof, the issue of said bonds shall be lawful.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Feb. 28, 1878.

CHAPTER 100.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RAMSEY COUNTY TO ISSUE THE BONDS OF SAID COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT OR NEAR FORT SNELLING.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of Ramsey county are hereby authorized and empowered to issue at any time within three (3) years after the date of the approval of this act, the bonds of said county with coupons to the amount of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of aiding in constructing a free wagon bridge at a point within a distance of eighteen hundred (1800) feet north of the ferry crossing at Fort Snelling, with stone abutments or stone and iron abutments, and iron superstructure across the Mississippi river at or near Fort Snelling, between the military reservation of the United States, upon which said fort is located, and a point nearly opposite said fort in said county, and the proceeds of said bonds shall be used and expended under and by virtue of the provisions of chapter one hundred and twenty-five (125) of the special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, (1876) entitled an act to authorize and provide for the construction of a free bridge across the Mississippi river at or near Fort Snelling, and to lay out suitable roads and approaches thereto, approved March second (2dn), eighteen hundred and seventy-six, (1876), and amendments thereto, and the proceeds of said bonds shall be appropriated and paid over to the county treasurer of Ramsey county, and the same shall be placed to the credit of the Fort Snelling bridge fund.

All contracts made by the said commissioners under said act for

the construction of said bridge shall be filed in the county auditor's office of said county, and all claims arising from any of said contracts, or for services rendered in and about the construction of said bridge, or incidental expenses shall be first allowed and certified to by a majority of said board under said acts, after which the county auditor shall examine said claims and accounts, and if found correct and in accordance with the provisions of this act, and such contracts on file in his office, he shall then issue a warrant upon the county treasurer authorizing the payment of the claim so allowed, and the amount paid shall be charged to the Fort Snelling bridge fund.

SEC. 2. Said bonds shall be in sums of not less than five hundred (\$500) dollars, nor more than one thousand (\$1,000) dollars with interest coupons attached, and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed seven (7) per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually at such time or times and place, not less than fifteen (15) nor more than twenty (20) years after the date of said bonds as said board of county commissioners shall by resolution provide, and said bonds and the coupons thereto shall be signed by the chairman of said board, and countersigned by the auditor of said county, and sealed with his official seal, which said auditor shall keep a record in his office of all bonds so issued showing the number, date and amount of such bonds, and the name of the person in whose name the same are drawn, and the board of county commissioners shall have authority to negotiate the sale of said bonds in such way as in their judgment shall best subserve the interests of said county, but they shall not negotiate a sale, nor sell said bonds nor any of them at less than their par value, nor before lawful authority is obtained for a complete site for said bridge, and for suitable approaches thereto over legal highways.

SEC. 3. The board of county commissioners of said county and the proper authorities of said county shall annually levy a tax on the taxable property of said county in addition to all other taxes required by law to be levied, sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest accruing upon said bonds, and the principal of said bonds as they shall mature, which tax shall be levied and collected in like manner with other taxes of said county, but such taxes so to be levied and collected shall be set apart for the purposes aforesaid, namely the prompt payment of the semi-annual interest on said bonds as the same may accrue, and of the principal thereof at their maturity, and shall constitute a fund for the payment of said bonds and interest thereon, and shall not be applied to any other purpose whatever until said bonds and interest are fully paid, provided the payment of the principal of said bonds may be apportioned upon such years as the said board of county commissioners may deem expedient, or they may annually after ten (10) years from the date of said bonds, levy upon such taxable property, and cause to be set apart as a sinking fund such sums as with the accrued interest thereon shall amount to an equal proportion of the whole amount of bonds issued which shall be applied to the punctual payment of said bonds at maturity.

SEC. 4. Said bonds shall not be issued as provided in section one (1) of this act unless authorized by a majority of the qualified voters of said county as hereinafter provided, and for the purpose of taking the vote of said voters, the board of county commissioners of said county are hereby directed and required to call and appoint a special election for such purpose within thirty (30) days after the approval of this act, and shall give public notice of such special election in some newspaper published in the city of Saint Paul, and having general circulation in said county, for at least fifteen (15) days previous to said election, and shall also post notices in at least five (5) public places in said county, at least fifteen (15) 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 voting in favor of such issue shall have written or printed or partly written and partly printed on the ballot used at such election, the words "For Bridge Bonds," and those voting against such issue shall have written or printed or partly written and partly printed on the ballots used, "Against Bridge Bonds;" voting shall be done at the usual places of holding elections in said county, and shall be conducted by the same officers and in the same manner as other elections, and the said election in the city of Saint Paul in said county shall be conducted in the manner and form as elections are usually conducted in said city, and it shall be the duty of the town clerk of the several towns of said county, and of the proper officer or officers of said city of Saint Paul to make a return to the county auditor of said county the vote cast in his town or in said city of Saint Paul on said proposition within five (5) days after said election, and the votes shall be canvassed by the said county auditor and two (2) justices of the peace of said county, within ten (10) days after said election, and if a majority of said votes so reported shall be in favor of the issue of said bonds they shall then be issued but not otherwise.

SEC. 5. No commissioner of said county and no commissioner heretofore or hereafter to be appointed for the location or construction of said bridge, shall have any private interest in such location or in any contract relating to the construction of said bridge, nor shall any compensation be paid to any such commissioner for any personal service or services rendered in relation thereto, greater than three (\$3.00) dollars per day for each and every full day devoted to the location or construction of said bridge.

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

Approved March 2, 1878.