

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of said judges in each of said wards on the Saturday next preceding said election, and if necessary, also on the Tuesday morning of said election, for two (2) hours next preceding the opening of the polls, to be present and at the place appointed for holding such election, for the purpose of making all necessary corrections of such lists. In all other respects said first election shall be governed by the rules prescribed in this act, except that the returns of the first election shall be made to the clerk of the present town of Anoka, within twenty-four (24) hours after the closing of the polls.

SEC. 6. On the Thursday following said election, the supervisors of the present town of Anoka shall canvass the returns, and make and file with the clerk of the said town of Anoka a statement announcing who appear to be elected, and the clerk shall immediately notify the mayor and aldermen and all other elective officers of their election.

SEC. 7. The mayor and aldermen elect shall hold their first meeting at the office of the clerk of the present town of Anoka, or at some other place designated by said clerk, on the first (1st) Monday next following said election, when they shall qualify and proceed to organize the city council.

SEC. 8. This act is hereby declared to be a public act, and may be read in evidence in any and all courts of law in this State.

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

Approved March 2, 1878.

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### CHAPTER 3.

#### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VILLAGE OF DUNDAS.

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

SECTION 1. All that part of the county of Rice, State of Minnesota, within the limits and boundareis hereinafter described, shall be a village by the name of Dundas, and the people now inhabiting, and those who shall hereafter inhabit within the district of country herein described, shall be a municipal corporation by the name of the village of Dundas, who shall have the general powers possessed by municipal corporations at common law, and in addition thereto shall possess the powers hereinafter especially granted, and the authorities thereof shall have perpetual succession, shall be capable of contracting and being contracted with, of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded in all courts of law and equity, and shall have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at pleasure, and may take, hold and purchase, lease and convey such real and personal and mixed estate as the purposes of the corporation may require, within or without the limits of said village.

SEC. 2. The territory included in the following limits and boundaries shall constitute the village of Dundas, viz:

East half of south-west quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ), section ten (10), in township one hundred and eleven (111), range twenty (20); all of south-east quarter section ten (10), north half of the south-west quarter of section eleven (11); west half of the south half of the south-west quarter of section eleven (11); all of west half of the north-west quarter of section fourteen (14); all of north-east quarter of section fifteen (15), and east half of the north-west quarter section fifteen (15).

SEC. 3. The elective officers of said village shall be three (3) trustees and one (1) justice of the peace, who shall be styled village justice. The trustees shall hold their respective offices for the term of one (1) year, and the village justice for the term of two (2) years, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified; all village officers shall have resided in the village six (6) months next preceding their election and be qualified voters of the State.

SEC. 4. The term of all officers shall commence as soon as they are elected and qualified. All officers shall, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of their respective offices, each take and subscribe an oath to faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of their office, which said oath of office shall be filed with the recorder of said village.

## CHAPTER II.

SECTION 1. There shall be a council composed of the three (3) trustees, who shall elect one of their number chairman, which shall be styled the village council of the village of Dundas.

SEC. 2. The village council shall judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of its own members, and shall determine all contested elections, and in such cases shall have power to send for persons and papers.

SEC. 3. A majority of the village council shall constitute a quorum to do business.

SEC. 4. The village council shall have power to determine the rule of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly conduct, and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members elected, expel a member after due notice given, and an opportunity extended to the accused to be heard by counsel [or] otherwise.

SEC. 5. The village council shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and ayes and nays, when demanded by any member present, shall be entered on the journal; and the style of all ordinances shall be "The Village Council of the Village of Dundas do ordain."

SEC. 6. The village council shall, at its first regular meeting after the annual election, appoint a recorder, a treasurer, and a village marshal, who shall hold their respective offices for one (1) year and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

SEC. 7. The first (1st) election of officers in said village shall be held on the second (2d) Tuesday in April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), and on the day of the annual town election thereafter, at which time the electors of said village qualified to vote at town elections may elect by ballot and by plurality of votes, three (3) trustees and one (1) village justice. The village council shall give ten (10) days notice of the time and place of holding said election, by posting by written notices thereof in three (3) public places in the village or by causing such notices to be published in one or more newspapers printed and published in said village.

The elections shall be held and conducted in the same manner as town elections, and the laws of this State applicable to elections generally, shall apply as far as consistency will admit, and the oath of a voter shall be the same as at town meetings, and false swearing shall be a perjury. The village council shall meet the first Monday after their election, and quarterly thereafter during their term of office.

SEC. 8. That for the purposes of the first election under this act, E. G. Ault, John M. Archibald and W. C. Cleland shall be inspectors of election, and also the board of canvassers for such election, and shall perform all the duties and possess all the powers of inspectors of election and board of canvassers prescribed by this act; they shall appoint the place of holding the polls of such election, and post or publish notice thereof previous to the same; and all subsequent elections shall be conducted by the village council, who shall be inspectors of such election.

SEC. 9. Any vacancy occurring in the village council shall be filled by the remaining members of the council and the village justice. Any vacancy occurring in any other office shall be filled by the village council. Any person so appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold his office and discharge the duties thereof for the unexpired term, and with the same rights and subject to the same liabilities as the person whose office he may have been appointed to fill.

SEC. 10. No officer shall receive compensation except the marshal; and in all such cases compensation shall be fixed by by-law where the laws of the State do not define such compensation.

SEC. 11. Any person, having been an officer of the village, who shall not, within six (6) days after requested by his successor in office, deliver all books, papers, property or effects in his hands pertaining to such office or belonging to the village, shall forfeit to the use of the village fifty dollars, and shall be also liable for all damages caused by such refusal or neglect, and such successor may recover possession of such books, papers, property and effects, in the manner prescribed by the laws of this State for other officers.

SEC. 12. Any officer removing from the village, or any officer who shall neglect or refuse, for ten (10) days after notice of his election or appointment, to enter upon the discharge of the duties of his office, shall be deemed to have vacated his office, and the village council shall proceed to fill the vacancy as prescribed.

## CHAPTER III.

SECTION 1. The treasurer, marshal, and such other officers as the village council may direct, shall severally, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, execute to the village of Dundas a bond, with at least two sureties, to be approved by the village council, who shall make affidavit that they are each worth the penalty specified in such bond, over and above all debts and exemptions or liabilities; and said bond shall contain such penal sum and such condition as the village council may deem proper, and they may from time to time require new or additional bonds, and remove from office any officer refusing or neglecting to give the same.

SEC. 2. Should there be a failure by the people to elect any officers herein require to be elected on the day designated, the village council may order a new election to be held, ten (10) days' notice of the time and place of holding the same to be given as in general elections.

SEC. 3. The chairman of trustees shall, when present, preside over the meetings of the village council, and take care that the laws of the State and the ordinances of the village be strictly enforced and duly observed, and that all other executive officers of the village discharge their respective duties.

The chairman or any two councilmen may call special meetings of the village council.

He shall have power to execute all acts that may be required of him by any ordinance made in pursuance of this act, and is hereby authorized to call upon every male inhabitant of said village over the age of eighteen years to aid in enforcing the laws or carrying into effect any law or ordinance. Any person who shall not obey such call shall forfeit to said village a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25) and not less than five dollars (\$5).

SEC. 4. The recorder shall keep the corporate seal, and all the papers and records of the village, and keep a record of all the proceedings of the village council; he shall draw and countersign all orders on the treasurer, in pursuance of any order or resolution of the village council, and keep a full and accurate account thereof in a book provided for that purpose, and make a full and fair record of all by-laws, rules or ordinances made or passed by such village council. The recorder shall have power to administer oaths or affirmations, and copies of all papers filed in his office, and transcripts from the records of the village council certified to by him under the corporate seal, shall be evidence in all courts in like manner as if the original were produced.

He shall report annually on the first (1st) day of June to the council an estimate of the expenses of the village for the current year, and the revenues necessary to be raised therefor; and the fiscal year of the village shall commence on the first (1st) day of July. He shall countersign all contracts made in behalf of the village, and all certificates of work done by order of the village council.

He shall examine the report, books, papers, vouchers and accounts of the treasurer, and from time to time shall perform such other duties as the village council may direct.

He shall not be directly or indirectly interested in any job or contract to which the village is a party.

SEC. 5. The treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the village, and keep an accurate and detailed account thereof, and on the first (1st) day of July and quarterly thereafter, he shall exhibit to the village council a full and detailed account of all receipts and expenditures after the date of the last quarterly report, and also the state of the treasury, which account shall be filed by the recorder.

SEC. 6. The village marshal shall execute such orders and perform such duties as are prescribed by the village council for the collection of tolls, license money and fines, for the preservation of the public peace, for the good order, cleanliness and government of the village, and for all other purposes. He shall possess the powers of a constable at law under the statutes of this State and receive like fees, and said marshal shall have the power to appoint a deputy; said marshal shall be responsible for the acts of said deputy.

SEC. 7. The village council may designate a newspaper printed in the village, in which shall be published all ordinances and other proceedings, and matters required by this act or by the by-laws or ordinances of the village council to be published in a public newspaper.

SEC. 8. The village printer or printers, immediately after the publication of any notice, ordinance or resolution, or any other matters which by this act are or by village ordinance shall be required to be published, shall file with the recorder a copy of such publication, which shall be conclusive evidence of the publication of such notice, ordinance, resolution or other matters.

SEC. 9. No member of the village council shall be a party to or interested in any job or contract with the village, and any contract in which any member of the village council may be so interested shall be null and void.

SEC. 10. The chairman, sheriff of Rice county, and each and every trustee, marshal, recorder and justice of the peace, and constables of the precinct of which said village is a part, shall be officers of the peace, and suppress in a summary manner all disorderly behavior within the limits of the village, and for such purposes may command the assistance of the bystanders, and if any person so commanded shall refuse to aid in maintaining the peace, every such person shall pay a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25), and not less than five dollars (\$5).

SEC. 11. The village justice provided for and elected under this act, shall have and possess all the powers and jurisdiction of the justices of the peace provided for and elected under the General Laws of the State, and in addition thereto shall have cognizance and jurisdiction of all suits, prosecutions or proceedings for the recovery of any fine, forfeiture or penalty under any by-law, ordinance or regulation of said corporation or under this act, or for

the breach or violation of any such by-law, ordinance or regulation, and in all cases of offenses committed against the same. All prosecutions or assaults, batteries and affrays not indictable, and for a breach or violation of any by-law, ordinance or regulation, shall be commenced in the name of the village of Dundas, and the same proceedings shall be had in all civil and criminal suits or prosecutions before said justice when not otherwise herein directed as are established and are required to be had in civil and criminal actions by the General Laws of the State, before justices of the peace, except that no change of venue shall be taken. All fines, forfeitures and penalties imposed by or recovered before said justice in any suit, prosecution or proceeding had and commenced in the name of said village, shall be promptly paid by said justice to the treasurer of said corporation for the use thereof. The village justice shall take judicial notice of the by-laws, ordinances and regulations of said corporation, and it shall not be necessary in any action civil or criminal, before said justice, to plead or refer the same in any manner whatever in any pleading or complaint, but said by-laws, ordinances, and regulations shall in said justice court be held and deemed to be public law. The village justice shall, at least once in three months, make to the village council a full report of all moneys received by him for fines, forfeitures and penalties, and shall pay them into the hands of the treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. In all cases of convictions for assaults, batteries and affrays within said village, for breaches of the peace, disorderly conduct, keeping houses of ill-fame, or frequenting the same, and of keeping and maintaining disorderly and ill-governed houses, the said justice shall have power, in addition to the fines or penalty imposed, to compel such offenders to give security for their good behavior, and to keep the peace for a period not exceeding six months, and in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The said justice shall have the same power and authority in cases of contempt as a court of record. In case of the absence, sickness, or other inability of said justice, or for any sufficient reason, the chairman, by warrant, may authorize any other justice of the peace within said town to perform the duties of said village justice, and it shall thereupon be the duty of the chairman to inform the village attorney and marshal of such substitution, and make report thereof to the village council, and they may confirm or set aside such appointment, or appoint some other justice of the peace, and the justice of the peace so appointed shall, for the time being, possess all the authority, powers and rights of the said village justice. All fines and penalties imposed by the village justice for offenses committed within the village limits, or for violation of any ordinance, by-law or regulation of said village, shall belong to and be a part of the finances of said village. In case of prosecution for a breach or violation of any ordinance, by-law or regulation of said corporation, or of this act, or for an assault, battery or affray, not indictable, committed within the limits of said corporation no appeal shall be allowed when the judgment or fine imposed, exclusive of costs, is less than

twenty dollars (\$20). The fees of the village justice shall be the same as allowed and fixed by the general laws of the State for justices of the peace. All warrants, writs and processes of every nature issued by the village justice, shall be directed to the sheriff or any constable of the county of Rice, and may be executed or served by the appointed marshal, under the provisions of this act, or by the sheriff or any constable of said county, and for such purpose said officers shall have and possess the same powers and authority, which by the general laws of the State, they have and possess in the execution or service of warrants, writs and other processes issued by justices of the peace elected under such general laws.

SEC. 12. The village council shall have power from time to time to require other and further duties to be performed by any officer whose duties are herein prescribed, and to appoint such other officers as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act, and to prescribe their duties. The village council may at any time fix the compensation of any officer or committee for any extraordinary service by them performed.

#### CHAPTER IV.

SEC. 1. The village council shall have control and management of the finances and of all the property of the village, and the said council shall likewise have full power and authority to make, enact, ordain, establish, publish, enforce, alter, modify, correct and repeal all such ordinances, rules, and by-laws for the government and good order of the village, and for the suppression of vice, as they shall deem expedient, and declare and impose penalties by fine and imprisonment, or both, and to enforce the same against any person or persons who may violate any provision of such ordinances, rules and by-laws, and such ordinances, rules and by-laws are hereby declared to be and have the full force of law, and for these purposes shall have authority, by ordinances, resolutions or by-laws; *provided*, that they be not repugnant to the constitution of the United States or of this State:

*First.* To license and regulate the exhibition of common showmen, and shows of all kinds, and the exhibition of caravans, circuses, concerts and theatrical performances, and also to license and regulate all auctioneers, billiard tables, pigeon-hole tables, nine or ten pin alleys, bowling saloons, butchers' shops and butchers' stalls, and venders of butchers' meat, pawnbrokers, insurance offices, and insurance agencies, taverns, lager beer saloons, victualing houses, and all persons vending, dealing in or disposing of spirituous, vinous, malt or fermented liquors; *provided*, that not less than twenty-five (25) nor more than one hundred (100) dollars shall be required to be paid for any license for the sale of spirituous, malt or fermented liquors, and all other licenses not to be less than one dollar (\$1) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50), and the

fee for issuing the same shall not exceed one dollar (\$1), and said village council may at any time revoke any license granted under this act, for malconduct in the course of trade, and may regulate and restrain the sale of fresh or butchers' meat within the corporation limits of said village, and punish and restrain the forestalling of poultry, game, eggs or fruit within said village.

*Second.* To restrain and prohibit the use of all gambling devices whatever, from being set or used for gambling purposes, and to restrain and prohibit all description of gaming and fraudulent devices and practices.

*Third.* To prevent any riots, noise, disturbance and disorderly assemblages, to suppress and restrain disorderly houses or groceries, and houses of ill-fame, and to authorize the destruction of all instruments used for the purpose of gaming, and of all spirituous, vinous, fermented, mixed or intoxicating liquors of any kind that may be kept for sale or dealt in contrary to any ordinance of said village.

*Fourth.* To compel the owner or occupant of any grocery, cellar, tallow chandler shop, soap factory, tannery, stable, barn, privy, sewer or other unwholesome or nauseous house or place, to cleanse, remove or abate the same. To remove and abate any nuisance injurious to the public health and safety or repugnant to morality, decency and good order, and to provide for the punishment of all persons who shall cause or maintain such nuisance. To prescribe what shall constitute nuisances and provide for the removal or abatement thereof either under the ordinance or at common or statute law.

*Fifth.* To direct the location and management of slaughter houses, and markets in said village, and to regulate the storage, keeping and conveying of gunpowder, inflammable oils or other combustible materials.

*Sixth.* To prevent the encumbering of streets, sidewalks, lanes and alleys.

*Seventh.* To prevent immoderate riding or driving in the streets.

*Eighth.* To prohibit the running at large of dogs, to authorize the destruction of the same when at large, contrary to the ordinances, and to impose fines upon their owners.

*Ninth.* To prevent any person from bringing, depositing, or having within the village, any putrid carcass or other unwholesome substance, and to require the removal of the same by a competent officer at the expense of such person or persons.

*Tenth.* To make and establish public pounds, pumps, water cisterns and reservoirs; to erect lamps or other means whereby to light the village; to regulate and license hacks, cabs, drays, carts, and charges of hackmen, coachmen, draymen and cartmen of the village.

*Eleventh.* To prevent damage to sidewalks.

*Twelfth.* To prevent the shooting of firearms, crackers and other projectiles; and to prevent the exhibition of any fireworks in any situation which may be deemed, by the council, dangerous



to the village or any property therein or annoying any citizen thereof.

*Thirteenth.* To restrain drunkards, immoderate drinking of intoxicating beverages, brawling and obscenity in the streets or public places.

*Fourteenth.* To license and regulate peddlers, runners, public houses, and to regulate all public institutions of the village.

*Fifteenth.* To regulate the place and manner of selling, and to provide for the inspection and weight of hay and coal, and measuring charcoal, firewood and other fuel.

*Sixteenth.* To compel the owners and occupants of buildings or grounds to remove snow, dirt or rubbish, from the sidewalks, streets or alleys, opposite thereto; and in his default, to authorize the removal or destruction thereof, by some officer of the village at the expense of the owner or occupant.

*Seventeenth.* To prevent the introduction of contagious diseases into the village.

*Eighteenth.* To license persons who shall offer or cause to be offered, any goods, wares or merchandise or other property, for sale at auction or public outcry, in said village; and may charge thereon not less than five (\$5.00) dollars, nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, in their discretion; and whoever shall offer or cause to be offered, such property without such license, or under cover of license granted to any other person, shall forfeit one hundred (\$100.00) dollars to said village, but this subdivision shall not apply to the sheriff or other officer in the discharge of official duty.

*Nineteenth.* To appropriate money and provide money for the payment of the debts and expenses of the village.

*Twentieth.* To abolish, open, widen, grade, repair or otherwise improve or keep in repair, streets, avenues, lanes and alleys.

*Twenty-first.* To establish, regulate and support night watches when needed.

*Twenty-second.* To provide for the erection of all needful buildings for the use of the village.

*Twenty-third.* To provide for the enclosing, improving and regulating of the public grounds belonging to the village and for the adorning of the streets thereof with shade trees.

*Twenty-fourth.* To provide for the taking from time to time, the numeration of the inhabitants of the village.

*Twenty-fifth.* To prescribe the limits within which wooden buildings or buildings of other materials that shall not be deemed fire proof, shall not be erected, placed or repaired.

*Twenty-sixth.* To prevent the dangerous construction, placing and condition of chimneys, fire-places, hearths, stovepipes, ovens, boilers and appurtenances used in or about any building, and cause the same to be removed or placed in a safe and secure condition, when considered dangerous; and to prevent the deposit of ashes in unsafe places, and to regulate and prevent the carrying on of manufactures dangerous in causing or promoting fires; within the village limits.

*Twenty-seventh.* To assess or tax any merchant or mercantile establishment offering manufactured articles for sale, and commencing business between the first day of August and the first day of June following, such an amount as is paid by similar establishments in said village, as the regular yearly tax for the same year, said tax to be paid into the village treasury.

*Twenty-eighth.* To prevent the Milwaukee and St. Paul and Minneapolis Railway Company from obstructing the street crossing for a time exceeding ten (10) minutes, accidents excepted; for every such offence a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars, may be imposed and collected.

*Twenty-ninth.* The village council shall have power to authorize the formation of fire companies—hook and ladder and hose companies—and to provide for the due support and regulations of the same, and to order such companies to be disbanded and their apparatus to be delivered up; each member of every such company shall be exempt from a poll tax and from serving on juries, during the continuance of such membership.

*Thirtieth.* The village council shall have power to enact any other by-law, or to do any other act necessary and proper to perform the duties contemplated by this act.

SEC. 2. All laws, ordinances, regulations and by-laws, shall be passed by an affirmative vote of the majority of the village council, and be signed by the chairman and recorder, and shall be published in the official paper of the village or posted for ten (10) days in three (3) of the most public places in the village.

SEC. 3. The village council shall examine and adjust the accounts of all village officers and agents of the village, at such time as they may deem proper, and if any such officer or agent shall refuse to comply with the order of said council in the discharge of their duties, in pursuance of this section, the council shall declare the office of such person vacant, and may commence suit or proceedings at law, against any such officer or agent who may be found delinquent or defaulting in his accounts or in the discharge of his official duties. The council shall make full record of all such settlements and adjustments.

SEC. 4. They may appoint any number of special constables for extraordinary occasions, and they shall constitute a village police and shall have the usual powers and shall be under the immediate control of the marshal, who shall be the chief of police, and the whole shall be under the control of and subject to the village council.

SEC. 5. The cost and expense of surveying the streets, lanes, alleys, sidewalks, sewers, public grounds, reservoirs, cisterns, drains, and the erection of buildings for village purposes, and of cleansing and repairing the same, and constructing and repairing reservoirs and sewers, street crossings and cross walks, may be paid out of the general fund, or reservoirs may be built by districts designated by the village council; the expense of sidewalks shall be paid out of the village treasury; sewers may be built and the expenses apportioned by the village council among the lots and par-

cels of land benefitted thereby. All resolutions or orders directing such improvements shall be filed and recorded by the recorder.

SEC. 6. All work by the village shall be let by contract to the lowest bidder, and the village council may require a bond with sureties for the faithful performance of the contract. Not less than ten days notice shall be given of the letting of the contract, by the posting of notices by the recorder in two public places in the village, to be signed by the chairman, and also filing said notice with the said recorder at the same time.

SEC. 7. All property, real and personal, in the village, except such as may be exempt by the laws of the State, or is village property, shall be subject to taxation not exceeding three mills on the dollar per year for general purposes.

SEC. 8. The village council shall report to the auditor of Rice county the amount of general taxes levied on the village, and it shall be the duty of the county auditor to insert such taxes in the assessment roll of the town of Bridgewater, and the same shall be collected by the county treasurer or returned by him as delinquent, and all proceedings in relation thereto, including the selling, conveying and redeeming property shall be the same as in proceedings on account of other taxes. All residents of the village shall pay a village tax on their personal property, wherever situated, proportionally with their real estate tax.

SEC. 9. In all prosecutions of any violation of this act or any by-law or ordinance of the village of Dundas, the first process shall be a warrant; Provided, That no warrant shall be necessary in any case of the arrest of any person or persons while in the act of violating any law of the State of Minnesota, or ordinance of the village of Dundas, but the person or persons so arrested may be proceeded against, tried, convicted and punished, or discharged, in the same manner as if the arrest had been by warrant.

SEC. 10. No person shall be an incompetent judge, justice, witness or juror by reason of his being an inhabitant of said village in any proceeding or action in which the village of Dundas shall be a party in interest.

SEC. 11. All legal voters within the limits of said village shall be entitled to vote at general town meetings of the town of Bridgewater for town officers and on questions relating to highways, overseers, bridges, and all expenditure of money.

SEC. 12. If any election by the people or village council shall for any cause not be held at the time nor in the manner herein prescribed, it shall not be considered reason for arresting, suspending or absolving said corporation, but such election or organization may be had in any subsequent day by order of the village council; and if any of the duties enjoined by this act or the ordinances or by-laws of the village to be done by any officer at any specified time and the same are not so done or performed, the village council may appoint another time at which the said acts may be done and performed.

SEC. 13. The said village may lease, purchase and hold real and personal estate sufficient for all municipal purposes thereof, and

may sell and convey the same, and the same shall be free from taxation.

SEC. 14. The village of Dundas shall not be liable in any case for the board or jail fees of any person who may be committed by any officer of the village, or any magistrate, to the jail of Rice county for any offense punishable under the State laws.

SEC. 15. The board of trustees, when acting as inspectors of election, shall receive the same compensation as fixed by the laws of the State.

SEC. 16. No law of this State contravening the provisions of this act shall be considered as repealing amending or modifying the same unless such purpose be expressly set forth in such law.

SEC. 17. This act is a public act, and need not be pleaded nor proven in any court in this State.

SEC. 18. This act shall not interfere with the duties of the town supervisors of the town of Bridgewater in laying out, altering or establishing highways, building and repairing bridges within the limits of the village of Dundas; nor shall any inhabitant or property therein be exempt from taxation by the town for general town purposes. The election of the town officers for the town of Bridgewater shall be held as heretofore.

SEC. 19. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage: Provided, That if fifteen of the legal voters of the district in the second section of this act described as the village of Dundas, shall petition the canvassers in this act named, on or before the fifteenth day of March (A. D. 1878), eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, for an election to determine whether the people in said district desire this act of incorporation to take effect as and at the time set forth in the provisions thereof. Upon the presentation of such petition to said canvassers, they shall fix and appoint the twenty-sixth day of March A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-eight (1878), for such election, and shall give five (5) days notice thereof by posting notices thereof in three of the most public places in said district. At said election ballots shall be cast and votes counted by said canvassers appointed by this act, the same as for the officers in said village as in the act provided. The ballots used at such election shall have written or printed thereon, "For Village Charter," or "Against Village Charter," as the case may be; said canvassers shall declare the result, and if they declare that a majority of the votes cast were for "Village Charter," or if the petition in this section referred to and provided for should not be presented to said canvassers as herein provided; then in such case this act shall be and remain in full force and effect. But if a majority of said votes are "Against Village Charter," then in such case no further action or election under this act shall be taken or be valid.

The polls of this election in this section provided for shall be opened at ten (10) o'clock A. M., and closed at four (4) o'clock P. M., of said day.

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