

or in exchange for the obligations issued by said county, in sums of one hundred (100) dollars, or any number of hundreds, as said board may determine, not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

SEC. 2. Such bonds may bear interest not to exceed eight (8) per cent. per annum, with coupons attached for the annual payment of the same, and the principal payable in not less than five (5) years nor more than ten years from the date thereof, as the board of county commissioners may determine.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall be issued on the order of the commissioners of said county, and shall be signed by the chairman of said board, and sealed with the seal of said county, who shall keep a record of said bonds, and the names of the persons in whose favor they were drawn.

SEC. 4. The proper authorities of said county shall annually include in the tax levy an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest to become due within the next year, to be known as the coupon bond fund, and to be collected by the county treasurer as other taxes are, and when so collected to be used for the payment of the interest and principal of said bonds, and for no other purpose whatever, until said bonds are fully paid, principal and interest.

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

Approved March 4, 1878.

CHAPTER 99.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE WAGON BRIDGE ACROSS THE MINNESOTA RIVER, BETWEEN THE CITY OF MANKATO, IN THE COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH, AND THE TOWN OF BELGRADE, IN THE COUNTY OF NICOLLET, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF MANKATO AND THE COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH TO ISSUE THEIR SEVERAL BONDS TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAME.

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

SECTION 1. That the city of Mankato, in the county of Blue Earth, is hereby authorized to construct and maintain a good and substantial free wagon bridge, provided with a suitable draw, with an opening of not less than eighty (80) feet, which, on seasonable signal or notice, shall be opened to allow the passage of all boats navigating said stream across the Minnesota river between the said city of Mankato and the town of Belgrade, in the county of Nicol-

let, at such point as shall be determined by the legal voters of said city, at a special election to be held for the purpose, and for issuing bonds to aid in the construction of the same, and to receive and expend for that purpose any moneys that may be donated or otherwise contributed in aid of said bridge; and said city of Mankato shall have exclusive control of said bridge when completed, and shall forever thereafter maintain said bridge in good repair and free of toll.

SEC. 2. It shall be lawful for said city to issue its bonds to an amount not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), to defray the expense of constructing and maintaining said bridge, and to use and negotiate the same for that purpose; and such bonds shall be of such denominations and payable at such times and places as the common council of said city may determine, but they shall not be made payable in less time than ten (10) years, nor draw a greater rate of interest than ten (10) per cent. per annum, nor negotiated less than their par value. They shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the city recorder of said city, and shall have attached thereto coupons consecutively numbered for their annual interest, and shall refer upon their face to this act as authority for their issue.

SEC. 3. When such bonds are issued and negotiated, it shall be the duty of the common council of said city to levy a tax upon the taxable property of said city, to be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected, sufficient to meet and pay the interest and principal of said bonds as the same shall become due; and no part of such taxes shall be appropriated for any other purpose than the payment of said bonds or the interest thereon.

SEC. 4. Whenever the common council of said city of Mankato shall desire to construct such bridge, they shall call and hold a special election in accordance with the provisions of the charter of said city for calling and conducting special elections, and the votes shall be cast and canvassed in the same manner as votes for city officers are cast and canvassed; and the question of issuing said bonds as well as the question of determining the location of said bridge as hereinbefore provided, shall be submitted to the legal voters of said city at one and the same election, and shall be voted on by each elector upon one and the same ballot; and for the purpose of determining whether or not said bonds shall be issued, said ballots shall have plainly printed or written, or partly printed and partly written thereon, "For issue of bridge bonds, Yes," or, "For issue of bridge bonds, No." And if upon canvassing the votes cast at such election it be found that a majority of all those present and voting upon that subject have voted in the affirmative, the said common council shall without unnecessary delay proceed to issue said bonds, and not before; and for the purpose of determining the location of such bridge, said common council shall by motion or resolution select two (2) or more particular locations on said river which shall comply with the first section of this act, and which shall be described with reasonable definiteness and

named in the notice of election, and from which so named location the electors shall make their selection for the location of such bridge; and each ballot shall have plainly printed or written, or partly printed and partly written thereon, one (1) and one (1) only of such named location; and such one of the so named locations receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed the location of such bridge, and shall, upon the canvass of such votes, be declared by said common council to be so determined.

SEC. 5. The county commissioners of the county of Blue Earth are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county to the amount of not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to aid in the construction of said bridge.

SEC. 6. Such bonds shall be issued with coupons attached thereto of such denominations as the county commissioners shall determine, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding ten (10) per cent. per annum, which said interest shall be payable annually, and the principal shall be payable within ten (10) years from the date of said bonds; the rate of interest and the time of maturity of said bonds to be fixed by the said commissioners as they may determine, subject to the above limitations.

SEC. 7. Such bonds and the interest coupons attached thereto shall be signed by the chairman of said board of county commissioners and countersigned by the auditor of said county, and said auditor shall keep a record of all bonds issued under the provisions of this act, giving numbers, dates and amounts, to whom issued and when payable.

SEC. 8. The board of commissioners of said county shall have authority to negotiate said bonds as in their judgment shall be best for the interest of the county; *Provided*, Said bonds shall not be sold at less than par.

SEC. 9. The said board of county commissioners shall, and they 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 on said bonds and the principal of said bonds as they shall mature; which taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes for county purposes are levied and collected; and no part of such tax shall be appropriated for any purpose other than the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.

SEC. 10. The proposition of issuing said bonds shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said county, at a general or special election hereafter to be designated by the said board of commissioners, of which at least ten (10) days' previous notice shall be given, the calls of said election setting forth that the question of issuing said bonds will be voted on at said general or special election, and copies thereof posted in the usual places required by law for holding town meetings and ward elections in the said city of Mankato. The ballots shall have plainly printed or written, or partly printed and partly written thereon the following words: "For issue of bonds for bridge across the Minnesota river," or

"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