

CHAPTER 130.

AN ACT TO DEFINE THE BOUNDARIES OF TRAVERSE COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ORGANIZATION.

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

SECTION 1. That the county of Traverse, in this State, which is hereby declared to be embraced within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning in the center of the channel of the Bois des Sioux river, at the intersection of the line between townships one hundred and twenty-nine (129) and one hundred and thirty (130), thence easterly on said township line to the northeast corner of said township one hundred and twenty-nine (139) north, range forty-five (45) west, thence southerly on the line between ranges forty-four (44) and forty-five (45) to the southeast corner of township one hundred and twenty-five (125), range forty-five (45), thence westerly on the line between townships one hundred and twenty-four (124) and one hundred and twenty-five (125) to the western boundary of the State, thence on said boundary line, passing through Lake Traverse and along the Bois des Sioux river, to the place of beginning, be, and the same is, hereby declared to be an organized county, with all the rights, privileges and immunities of other organized counties within this State.

Defining
boundary
lines.

The county seat shall be located at Brown's Valley, in said county, until the next general election.

County seat.

SEC. 2. At the next general election the question of the removal of the county seat shall be submitted to the electors of said county, and said electors at said election, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed on their ballots for State and county officers the words: "For removal of county seat to—" (the name of the place to be inserted), and those opposed to such removal the words: "Against removal of county seat," and such ballots shall be received by the judges of election, and canvassed at the same time, in the same manner, and returned to the same office as ballots for county officers.

Submission to
vote of people.

How ballots
shall read.

The Canvassing Board for said county shall canvass the returns upon said question at the same time and in the same manner as returns for county officers, and if a majority of the votes cast at said election shall designate any other place than said town of Brown's Valley as the county seat, in that event the place so designated shall be the permanent county seat, otherwise the same shall remain at Brown's Valley.

Canvassing
election
returns.

SEC. 3. On the day of the next annual town meeting to be held after the passage of this act, polls shall be opened at nine (9) o'clock in the forenoon and remain open until five (5) o'clock in the afternoon, at the several places where the last annual election was held in said county, and at such other places therein as may be hereinafter legally designated, and the legal voters of said county may proceed to vote for such officers as they are by law entitled to elect; said vote to be by ballot, and the ballots so cast for such county officers shall be deposited in a separate ballot box, which said box it is hereby made the duty of the County Commissioners of said county and of the Supervisors of the organized townships therein to furnish.

Time of opening polls—how balloting shall be done.

The Judges and Clerk of said election shall be those now provided [for] by law, and said Judges shall proceed to canvass said votes, and within five (5) days after said election make a report of such canvass to the County Auditor of Stevens county, who shall canvass said returns and issue certificates of election to the person having the highest number of votes for the respective officers [offices], as appears by said returns, within five (5) days after the receipt by him of the report of the canvass, as above provided for, and said officers shall, within ten (10) days after the receipt of their said certificates, respectively qualify and enter upon their duties, and shall hold their respective offices from the time now limited by law, and until the next general election after the expiration of the time as so limited, and until their respective successors are elected and qualified; and it is hereby made the official duty of said Auditor of Stevens county to canvass said returns and issue certificates of election, as hereinbefore provided, and a failure on his part to perform said duty shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and be punishable as such, but such failure shall not prevent any person so receiving the highest number of votes for any office to be voted for at such election from qualifying and entering upon the duties of said office, nor invalidate his election thereto; and said Auditor shall receive the sum of three dollars (\$3) for canvassing said returns and one dollar (\$1) each for said several certificates, payable out of the county treasury of said county.

County auditor shall issue certificates of election.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk in each organized town in said county, and of the judges of election in the unorganized part thereof, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the next annual town meeting after the passage of this act, to give public notice of the time and place of holding the election herein provided for by posting in three (3) public places in each election district three (3) notices thereof, containing a list of the officers to be elected as aforesaid, one of which notices shall be posted up at the place of holding said election in each election district. *Provided*, that no failure or failures to give notice as aforesaid shall invalidate said election.

How notice of election to be given.

SEC. 5. There shall be held in said county of Traverse, at the county seat thereof, one term of the District Court in each year, the time for the commencement of which shall be fixed by the Judge of said Court, until otherwise provided by law, and all suits, actions and proceedings now pending in the District Court for the counties of Stevens, Big Stone and Traverse, which by law would have been triable in said Traverse county if the same had been an organized county, shall be transferred to said Traverse county, and all records pertaining to or which properly belong to Traverse county, where no other provision is made by law, shall be transferred from the county of Stevens to the county of Traverse, and the County Commissioners of said last mentioned county shall pay for transferring and transcribing such records such sums as they shall deem to be just and reasonable.

District court.
—when to be held.

SEC. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 14, 1881.

CHAPTER 131.

AN ACT TO COMPLETE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY OF WADENA, FOR JUDICIAL PURPOSES, AND ESTABLISH A TERM OF COURT THEREIN.

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

SECTION 1. The county of Wadena is hereby detached from the county of Crow Wing, and declared to be organized for judicial purposes, with all the rights, privileges and immunities of counties of this State so organized.

Wadena
county detached
from Crow
Wing.

SEC. 2. A general term of the District Court for the county of Wadena, shall be held on the first (1st) Monday in March in each year at the county seat in said county. *Provided*, that no grand jury shall be drawn, or summoned, until the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two (1882), unless by the order of the Judge of said Court, duly made and entered in the minutes of said Court at least thirty (30) days before the commencement of the term for which drawn.

District court.
—when to be held.