

turn the number of votes cast for and against such proposition respectively in their several precincts.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 28, 1881.

CHAPTER 252.

AN ACT to authorize the board of county commissioners of Martin county to issue the bonds of said county to fund the indebtedness of said county.

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of the county of Martin is hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county at any time during the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one (1881), (Anno Domini), for the purpose of liquidating and funding the indebtedness of said county of Martin, in sums of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), as said board may determine, not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000).

SEC. 2. Such bonds shall bear interest not to exceed seven (7) per cent. per annum, with coupons attached, for the annual payment of the same, and the principal payable in not less than five (5) nor more than ten (10) years from the date thereof, as the board of county commissioners may determine.

SEC. 3. 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 in 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. 4. The bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners of said county, and countersigned by the auditor of said county, before the same shall become valid; and said auditor shall keep a record of all the bonds so issued, showing the number, date and amount of each bond, and the name of the person in whose favor each bond was issued.

SEC. 5. The said board of county commissioners shall not have authority to negotiate said bonds, nor any of them, at less than their par value.

SEC. 6. Said bonds shall not be issued, as provided in section one (1) of this act, unless authorized by a majority vote of the qualified voters of said county; and for the purpose of taking the vote of said voters, the commissioners of said county shall give public notice of the time of such voting in some newspaper having general circulation in said county, for at least ten (10) days previous to the next annual town election, and shall also post notices in at least ten (10) public places in said county, for at least ten (10) 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 ballots used, the words: "For issue of bonds for liquidating and funding county debt." and those voting against such issue shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed on the ballots used: "Against the issue of bonds for liquidating and funding county debt." Such voting shall be done at the usual places of holding elections in said county, and be conducted by the same officers and in the same manner as other elections; and it shall be the duty of the town clerks of the several towns in said county to make returns to the county auditor of said county of the vote cast in his town upon said proposition within five (5) days after said election, and the vote shall be canvassed by the 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. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 9, 1881.

CHAPTER 253.

AN ACT to authorize the county of Benton to issue bonds for certain purposes therein mentioned.

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

SECTION 1. The county of Benton in said State is hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. Said bonds shall be issued in sums not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) each, and shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) and may bear interest not to exceed eight (8) per cent. per annum, and shall be payable, principal and interest, at such times and at such places as the