

CHAPTER 147.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF MEEKER TO ISSUE BONDS
FOR BUILDING A COURT HOUSE.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of the county of Meeker, in this state, are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county, to an amount not exceeding the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars, for the purpose of building a court house in said county, with suitable offices and fireproof vaults for preserving the county records; *Provided*, That the issuance of said bonds be first approved by a majority of the legal voters voting thereon in said county, in the manner hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding seven (7) per cent per annum, payable annually, and the principal thereof shall become due and payable in such installments and at such time or times as the said board of county commissioners shall determine, in not less than five (5) years nor more than twenty (20) years after the date of said bonds.

SEC. 3. Said bonds and the interest coupons attached shall be signed by the chairman of said board of county commissioners, and be attested by the auditor of said county and be sealed with his seal, and be made payable at such place as the board of county commissioners shall determine. The auditor of said county shall keep a record of all bonds issued, which record shall show the date, number and amount of each bond, the rate of interest, the time when due, the place where payable, and the name of the party to whom issued.

SEC. 4. The proper authorities of said county shall annually levy, in addition to all other taxes, an amount sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds so issued, and when any principal is about to become due, a sufficient amount to pay such principal when due.

SEC. 5. The said board of county commissioners shall have authority to negotiate said bonds as in their judgment shall be for the best interest of said county, but for not less than their par value.

SEC. 6. The proposition to issue said bonds shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said Meeker county at the next annual town meeting after the passage of this act. The ballots shall have written or printed or partly written and printed on them the following words: "For issue of bonds for court house," or "Against issue of bonds for court house." Said vote shall be cast at said town meeting in the same manner as votes cast for town officers, and said votes shall be canvassed in the same manner as votes cast for county officers, and if upon such canvass a majority of the votes cast shall be in favor of issuing said bonds, the said board of county commissioners shall issue

said bonds as provided by this act, and said bonds shall be lawful and valid.

SEC. 7. It is hereby made the duty of the county auditor of said county, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the said annual town meeting, to notify the town clerks of the several towns in said county to insert a paragraph in the notice of the annual town meeting, setting forth that the question of issuing said bonds will be voted upon at said town meeting, and it is hereby made the duty of the town clerks of the several towns in said county to insert such notice in said notice of annual town meeting; *Provided, however,* That any neglect or failure on the part of said auditor, or of any town clerk, to give such notice, shall not invalidate such election, or prohibit the canvass of the votes cast upon said proposition.

SEC. 8. That if said proposition to issue said bonds shall be defeated at the said annual town meeting, the said proposition to issue said bonds in accordance with sections one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5) of this act, shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said Meeker county, at each and every annual town meeting and at each and every general election in said county in the years A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six (1886), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight (1888) and A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (1889), until the same shall be duly carried. It shall be the duty of the officers in said county required by law to give notices of town meetings and general elections, to give notice in like manner, that at said annual town meeting, or at said general election, as the case may be, the question of issuing said bonds will be submitted to the electors of said county, and the ballots of the electors voting upon said proposition, shall be in the form prescribed by section six (6) of this act, and the said ballots shall be cast and canvassed in the same manner as votes cast for county officers, and if, upon the canvass of said votes at any such town meeting or general election, a majority of the voters who have voted upon such proposition shall have voted in favor of issuing said bonds, the said board of county commissioners shall issue said bonds as provided by this act, and said bonds shall be lawful and valid.

SEC. 9. Any neglect or failure of any officer in said county required by this act to give notice of the submitting of said proposition to the electors of said county at any annual town meeting or at any general election as provided by sections seven (7) and eight (8) of this act, to give such notice shall not invalidate such election or prohibit the canvass of the votes cast upon such proposition.

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

Approved February 6, 1885.