

## CHAPTER 183.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GOODHUE COUNTY TO CAUSE IRREGULAR TRACTS OF LAND IN SAID COUNTY TO BE SURVEYED, PLATTED AND RECORDED, AND TO LOCATE TOWN PLATS IN CERTAIN CASES.

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

SECTION 1. In all cases where any entire tract or lot of land within the limits of Goodhue county, such as a government subdivision or a lot or block, is or shall hereafter be divided in parcels of irregular shape, so that such irregular parcels cannot be described except by metes and bounds, or where the recorded plat of any town, addition thereto, subdivision or outlot thereof, in said county, does not show definitely upon what government subdivision the same is located, the county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized to cause such entire tracts, or such town, addition, subdivision or outlots to be surveyed, platted, and the plat thereof recorded as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. Whenever three (3) taxpayers shall petition the county commissioners of said county to have any tract of land falling within the classes specified in section one (1), and lying in the town, village or city of which they shall be residents and owners of real estate therein, surveyed, platted, and the plat thereof recorded as in this act provided; or whenever the county auditor of said county shall certify to said commissioners to the effect that such survey, plat, and record are necessary for the purposes of taxation, it shall be the duty of said commissioners, as soon as practicable thereafter, to give public notice for two (2) successive weeks, in one (1) or more newspapers published in said county, that they will cause the tract of land or the town, subdivision, addition or outlots described in said notice to be surveyed, platted, and the plat thereof recorded, at the expense of the owner or owners thereof, unless such owner or owners shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication of such notice, file for record in the office of the register of deeds of said county a plat of said land such as is required by this act.

SEC. 3. In case the owner or owners of such land fail to file for record the requisite plat, within the time prescribed, the said commissioners shall forthwith employ some competent person to make such plat or plats from the records in the office of the register of deeds, or if they cannot be made from such records then said commissioners shall cause the necessary surveys to be made for the making of such plats.

SEC. 4. All plats made under the provisions of this act shall contain all the irregular parcels in any entire tract, such as a government

subdivision, lot or block, and the irregular parcels so platted shall be numbered as lots, or as lots and blocks, on such plat. The courses and distances forming the boundaries of such lots or parcels shall be noted on such plats, and the contents of each lot shall be expressed in acres and fractions of an acre. A full description by metes and bounds of each lot shall be indorsed on such plat or attached thereto, and such description shall be numbered to correspond with the numbers of the lots on the plat. When any town, addition thereto or subdivision or outlots thereof shall be platted as herein provided, the new plat shall be a copy of the recorded plat of the same, with the government subdivisions upon which the same is located distinctly and accurately noted in addition.

SEC. 5. Each plat shall be certified to as correct by the person making the same, and by the county auditor that the same is made in conformity to the requirements of this act, to entitle it to be recorded. When the same shall be recorded, without the certificate of the county auditor as to taxes, in the office of the register of deeds, in a book to be provided for that purpose at the expense of the county, and after being so recorded the plat shall be filed in the county auditor's office. The description of such property by the numbers set forth on such plat shall be deemed a good and sufficient description of the lots or parcels of land so described.

SEC. 6. When the owners of such land fail to comply with the provisions of this act the costs of surveying, platting and recording shall be paid by the county upon the allowance of the county commissioners, and the amount thereof shall be added *pro rata* to the taxes of the land so platted and recorded, the next ensuing year, which tax when collected shall be credited to the county revenue fund.

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

Approved February 14, 1885.