

CHAPTER 186.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING EACH TOWN IN BROWN COUNTY
TO SUPPORT ITS OWN POOR.

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

SECTION 1. That each township in the county of Brown shall provide for and support all poor persons in the town; and the board of town supervisors of each town in said county shall have entire and exclusive superintendence of the poor of their respective towns.

SEC. 2. The electors of each town in said county shall, at their annual town meeting in each year, vote to raise such sum of money for the support of the poor as they may deem expedient, which facts the town clerk shall certify to the county auditor. The county auditor of said county shall, at the time of making the grand tax duplicates of said county, assess and levy upon the taxable property of each town in said county such sum raised by each town for said purpose.

SEC. 3. All applications for aid shall be made to the board of township supervisors, and upon a proper case being made out for aid to care for the poor persons or paupers, the supervisors or a majority of them, shall order such sum of money or other thing as they deem best to be paid to such poor person or pauper at such time and manner as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 4. The county treasurer of said county shall refund to the town treasurer of each township, the amount of poor funds in his hands, or that may come into his hands, belonging to each town or collected from each town.

SEC. 5. The general laws of this state as to residence of poor persons in order to obtain aid from counties, shall apply to townships in Brown county, and the rule applied to residence in the county shall apply to residence of poor in towns; *Provided*, That no poor person or pauper shall be entitled to aid from such towns unless he or she shall have been a resident therein for at least one (1) year.

SEC. 6. The township board of supervisors and the city or village council of any city or incorporated village in said Brown county shall be the superintendents of the poor in their respective townships and cities or villages, and take charge of such paupers to the exclusion of the county commissioners of said county of Brown.

SEC. 7. This act shall be submitted to the legal voters of said county for their approval or rejection at the next general election in this state. Those voting in favor of this act shall have written or printed, or partly written or partly printed on their ballots the words "for township support of poor—yes;" and those voting against this

act shall have written or printed, or partly written or partly printed on their ballots the words, "for township support of poor—no;" the votes cast upon the question thus submitted shall be canvassed and returned in the same manner as votes for county officers, and if a majority shall be found to have voted in favor of the provisions of this act, it shall take effect and be in force from and after January first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven (1887), otherwise not.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 26, 1885.

CHAPTER 187.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT GRAND RAPIDS, IN THE COUNTIES OF CASS AND ITASCA, IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

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

SECTION 1. That the county commissioners of Aitkin county, Minnesota, and such commissioners, if any, as may be appointed in behalf of the state for that purpose, are hereby authorized to erect a bridge across the Mississippi river, at Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on or near section twenty-one (21), town fifty-five (55), range twenty-five (25), between the counties of Cass and Itasca; *Provided*, That such bridge shall have therein placed a draw of not less than fifty (50) feet in length, and suitable for the passage of such steamboats as may be used on that portion of the said Mississippi river, and the piers of said bridge shall be, as nearly as practicable, parallel with the current of said river.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1885.