(4,000) inhabitants; and that the village council thereof shall hereafter exercise all the powers of a city council of an incorporated city of said state with reference to the appointment of judges of elections for all elections held in said village, other than for village officers and purposes.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent Luverne town meetings and town elections from being held or town officers thereof from holding their offices and residences within the corporate

limits of the village of Luverne.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 20, 1889.

CHAPTER 420.

[H. F. No. 890.]

AN ACT DEFINING AND REGULATING THE RELATIVE DUTIES OF THE ABSTRACT CLERK AND REIGISTER OF DEEDS OF RAMSEY COUNTY.

Whereas, The office of abstract clerk of Ramsey county exists as a separate and distinct office in the county of Ramsey in this state, to make out and certify to, any and all abstracts of title, of and to any real property within said county, under and pursuant to the various

acts of the legislature in that behalf heretofore passed, and,

Whereas, Under the general laws of this state defining the duties of register of deeds, the register of deeds of said county is required to make out abstracts of title to any real estate together with all incumbrances, liens and instruments in any manner affecting such title as the same appears of record or on file in his office, on being paid his lawful fees therefor; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the abstract clerk of Ramsey county as heretofore constituted and existing shall have the sole and exclusive power, and it is hereby made his official duty to make out all official abstracts of title affecting real property within said county, as an official thereof, and the said register of deeds shall have no power or authority in the premises whatsoever.

Provided, That this act shall not apply to or impair the power of any private person, company or corporation to make out abstracts of title as now provided by the general laws of this state, or otherwise.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts, whether general or special, in-

consistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 22, 1889.