

## CHAPTER 48.

March 6, 1852.

*An Act to establish the County of Hennepin.*

## SECTION.

1. Boundaries of county defined; county named,
2. Attached to Ramsey county for judicial purposes.

## SECTION.

3. When to elect county officers; election, how held.
4. County, when organized.
5. Act, when to take effect.

Boundaries.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, That so much of Dakota county, as lies north of Minnesota river, west of the Mississippi, and east of a line commencing at a place known as the Little Rapids, on said Minnesota river; thence in a direct line, north by west, to the forks of Crow river; thence down said river to its junction with the Mississippi, be and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be called the county of Hennepin.*

Attached to Ramsey county for judicial purposes.

SEC. 2. The said county of Hennepin, is hereby attached to the county of Ramsey, for judicial purposes, until further provided for; but for election purposes, it shall remain as at present, in conjunction with Dakota county, so far as relates to the election of a councillor and two representatives, until the next apportionment of representation: *Provided, however,* That said county is established within the boundaries defined, as an unorganized county until the provisions of the following sections are fulfilled.

When to elect county officers.

SEC. 3. That when the treaty of Mendota, concluded with the Dakota Indians is ratified by the United States Senate, the aforesaid county of Hennepin will be entitled to elect at the next general election, subsequent to such ratification, such county and other officers as the organized counties are entitled to, or as the qualified voters of said county may think proper and expedient to elect for the permanent organization of said county of Hennepin; which shall qualify as directed by the statute, and enter upon the discharge of their duties within ten days after their election. The returns of said first general election to be made in the manner provided for by law, to the register of deeds of Ramsey county, who is hereby authorized to issue certificates of said returns, and perform all the duties prescribed by the statutes, in relation to election returns made from unorganized counties.

County, when organized.

SEC. 4. Upon the ratification of said treaty of Mendota, the said county of Hennepin will be considered to be organized for all the purposes herein specified, and invested with all and singular the rights and privileges and immunities to which all organized counties in this Territory, shall be and are by law entitled to: *Provided,* That the county commissioners so elected as herein provided, are authorized to establish the county seat of said county of Hennepin, temporarily until the same is permanently established by the legislature, or authorized votes of the qualified voters of said county.

Act, when to take effect.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.  
Approved March 6, 1852.