

CHAPTER XVIII.

An Act to provide for the location of the County Seat in the counties of this State.

- SECTION 1. Petition of one-half of voters of a county to authorize an election on County Seat.
- 2. Form of ballot to be voted.
- 3. Manner of Canvassing the votes.
- 4. Votes on County Seats to be governed by this Act.
- 5. County Seat being removed, county officers to remove to new location within twenty days.
- 6. Special Acts of this session repealed.
- 7. Act takes effect on passage.

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

SECTION 1. That when a number of legal voters of any county in this State equal to one-half the highest number of votes cast at the next preceding general election, in such county, shall, at least thirty days previous to the next ensuing election, petition the County Commissioners of such county to be allowed to vote on the removal or location of the County Seat of such county, to any point within such county, the said Commissioners shall cause to be inserted in the notices for the next general election, an article requiring the voters of such county to vote on the removal of the County Seat to the point named in the petition. That only one point of removal shall be voted for in each year, and that point shall be the one presenting the largest number of petitioners ; *Provided*, That the same point was not voted for at the last preceding election, and that it shall be lawful for said petitioners to deposit any sum of money or bonds, with the County Treasurer, which they may propose to donate for the erection of public buildings at the point petitioned for.

SEC. 2. The voters of any county so notified, shall vote at the next general election on the removal of their County Seat, by ballot, written or printed, as follows : " For County Seat at ———," (filling the blank with the place named in the petition,) or " Against County Seat at ———," (filling the blank as above,) and if a majority of the votes cast are for the point named in the petition, then that place shall be the County Seat, otherwise the County Seat shall remain as above.

SEC. 3. The votes for and against the removal of the County Seat shall be returned and canvassed in the same manner as the votes for county officers.

SEC. 4. No County Seat in any county in this State shall be removed in any other manner than that prescribed in this Act, except by the amendment or repeal of this Act.

Petition for vote

Commissioners to give notice of vote

One point of removal to be voted for

Money may be donated to county seat

Ballot—form of

Canvass of vote

This act to govern all changes

County officers
to remove to new
location

Sec. 5. If, on canvassing the votes, a majority of them are found to be in favor of removal, then all the county officers who are required to hold their offices at the County Seat, shall, within twenty days after such canvass, move their offices to the point so elected as the County Seat.

Special acts of
this session re-
pealed

Sec. 6. All special acts passed by this Legislature providing for submitting to a vote of the people the removal of the County Seat, in any county in this State, organized previous to the first day of December, A. D. 1857, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

GEORGE BRADLEY,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

RICHARD G. MURPHY,

President *pro tem.* of the Senate.

APPROVED—March eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Acting Governor.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
March 18, 1858. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary.

CHAPTER XIX.

An Act for the Protection of Game.

- SECTION 1. Prohibits killing of Deer and Elk between first of February and first of September—Penalty.
2. Prohibits killing of Grouse, Prairie-chickens, Partridge or Quail from the fifteenth of February to the fifteenth of July
3. Act takes effect on passage.

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

Killing of deer or
elk—penalty

SECTION 1. That if any person shall, within this State, kill any deer or elk between the first day of February and the first day of September following, he shall, for every such offense, forfeit and pay the sum of fifteen dollars, to be collected by a civil action before any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction thereof, which sum so recovered, shall be paid by such Justice to the proper officer, for the use of common schools in the school district where the offense was committed.