

CHAPTER VI.

An Act to Amend an Act Entitled an "Act to Provide for County Organization and Government."

- SECTION 1.** Amendment to Section 1, Article 2, Chapter 15, of the General Laws of Minnesota for the year 1880. Board of County Commissioners—how elected—term of office.
2. Amendment to Section 22, Article 2. Commissioners to fix amount of County Tax.
3. Amendment to Section 24, Article 2. Election of Commissioners.
4. Amendment to Section 26, Article 2. County Auditor to be Clerk of Board of County Commissioners.
5. Amendment to Section 33, Article 2. Repeal of Acts inconsistent with this Act.
6. Act to take effect on passage.

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

SECTION 1. That section one (1) article two (2) of chapter fifteen (15) of the general laws of Minnesota, for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty, be amended so as to read as follows:

Each and every county in this State shall be deemed an organized county for the purposes provided in this Act, and in each and every county there shall be a board of county commissioners. In those counties in which at the last general election there was cast eight hundred

Board of County Commissioners—how elected—term of office

votes or more, the said board shall consist of five members, and in all other counties of three members, whose term of office shall be three years, and until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified; *Provided*, That in each and every county which has a township organization and in which the board of county commissioners shall consist of five members, the person elected from district number one, shall hold his office for the term of one year, the persons elected from districts number two and three shall hold their offices for the term of two years, and the persons elected from districts number four and five shall hold their office for the term of three years, and that a commissioner or commissioners shall be elected annually thereafter, for the term of three years to succeed the person or persons whose term of office shall have expired, and in each and every county which

has a township organization, and in which the board of county commissioners shall consist of three members, the person elected from district number one, shall hold his office for the term of one year, the person elected from district number two shall hold his office for the term of two years, and the person elected from district number three shall hold his office for the term of three years, and that a commissioner shall be elected annually thereafter for the term of three years, to succeed the person whose term of office shall have then expired; and in each and every county which has not a township organization, the said board shall be appointed by the Governor of the State, who shall be qualified electors of their respective counties, and shall qualify in the same manner as that provided for, for commissioners, elected in accordance with the provisions of this Act; and the board of commissioners so elected or appointed, are hereby authorized and empowered to do and perform such acts and things as are now or may hereafter be required of them; *Provided, further,* That in counties containing less than three election districts, the commissioners may be elected at large; *Provided,* That cities, being entitled to more than one commissioner, and having but one ward, may elect by general ticket.

Sec. 2. That section twenty-two (22) of article two (2) be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 22. The several boards of county commissioners are authorized to fix the amount of county tax to be assessed, and cause the same to be collected but no tax shall be assessed nor any debt created by said board for the erection of court houses, jails, or other county buildings, without being first authorized by a vote of the electors of the county, *Provided,* That the county commissioners shall not be authorized to expend an amount of money exceeding one thousand dollars for any extraordinary purpose unless the same has been submitted to the people and by them approved; *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to prohibit the issuing of bonds by any county for the purpose of paying debts and liabilities already existing, or to take up bonds or orders already issued; *Provided,* That in the counties of Ramsey, Dakota, Rice, Winona, Houston, Hennepin, Goodhue, Olmstead and Wabashaw, no tax shall be assessed to exceed three mills on the dollar of

To fix amount of
county tax

the taxable property of the county for county purposes, unless first authorized so to do by a vote of the people.

SEC. 3. Section twenty-four of said article two shall be amended so as to read as follows:

Election of Com-
missioners

The first election of county commissioners under this Act shall be at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of October next, and the commissioners so elected shall qualify according to the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. Section twenty-six of said article two, shall be so amended as to read as follows:

Auditor to be
clerk of Board

The auditor of each county shall be clerk of the board of county commissioners, and shall make and keep a complete record of all their proceedings.

Repeal of former
acts

SEC. 5. Section thirty-two of said article two and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. This Act to take effect immediately after its passage.

Approved March 8, A. D. 1861.

CHAPTER VII.

An Act to Amend an Act, entitled An Act to Provide for Township Organization, approved February twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

- SECTION 1. Amendment to Section 2, Article 5, of the Act approved February twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and sixty. Officers how chosen.
2. Amendment to Section 1, Article 7. Vacancies how filled.
3. Amendment to Section 4, Article 7. Board of Supervisors may accept resignations.
4. Act to take effect on passage.

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

SECTION 1. That section two of article five of an act entitled an act to provide for township organization, approved February twenty-first, A. D., eighteen hundred and sixty, be amended to read as follows: