

## CHAPTER LXVI.

March 1, 1888.

*An Act to authorize the County of Ramsey to build and maintain a free Bridge across the Mississippi River.*

- SECTION 1.** Authorizes Ramsey County Commissioners to issue bonds for the erection of a free bridge across the Mississippi River.
2. Bonds to be a valid demand against county until paid. Before issued to be ratified by electors.
  3. Names special Commissioners to negotiate bonds.
  4. County authorities to levy special tax to pay principal and interest.
  5. When act to take effect.

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

May issue bonds.

**SECTION 1.** That the commissioners of the county of Ramsey be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of said county, payable at any time after the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, principal and interest payable in the city of New York, to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, to aid in the construction of a free bridge, and to fill and grade the approaches to the same, across the Mississippi river, at some point, the location thereof to be made by the commissioners hereinafter provided for, between Fort Snelling and Cheever's Landing. Said bonds shall be issued in sums of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars each, and shall state on their face the object for which they were issued, and shall be signed by the chairman of the board of said county commissioners and countersigned by the auditor of said county.

Question to be voted on.

**SEC. 2.** Said bonds when issued and the interest thereon accruing, shall be and remain a valid and subsisting demand against said county of Ramsey, until they are fully paid according to the intent and meaning of this act. *Provided*, however, that no bonds shall be issued under the provisions of this act until

the question shall have been first submitted to a vote of the electors of said county for their approval or rejection; and to the end that the same may be thus submitted on the first Tuesday of April next, the day of the general election in the city of St. Paul, and of the annual township elections, said question shall be submitted to the electors of said county, and if a majority of all the voters of said county so voting at said election shall favor the issue of said bonds, the said county commissioners shall issue the same according to the provisions of this act. But if a majority of such voters shall be against such issue then said bonds shall not be issued. *Provided, also,* That Hennepin county shall not be liable under any circumstances or conditions to any expense of maintaining, repairing or keeping said bridge in order.

SEC. 3. John Holland, George Hammond, Dr. John Steele, D. W. Ingersoll, C. D. Strong, H. S. Fairchild, and John Nichols, are hereby appointed special commissioners for and on behalf of said county to negotiate said bonds and to locate and construct said bridge, and they shall advertise for plans and proposals for the building of said bridge, and shall let the contract for the same on such terms and conditions as they may deem most conducive to the public welfare, and best calculated to expedite the completion of said work.

SEC. 4. A tax of one mill on the dollar shall be annually levied by the proper authorities upon all the taxable property in said county for the payment of the interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 1, 1866.