

CHAPTER XLV.

March 4, 1867

An Act to authorize the township of Houston, in the county of Houston, to build and construct certain bridges across Root River, and to provide means for the building and keeping of the same in repair.

SECTION 1.—Board of supervisors authorized to build bridges.

2.—Supervisors may establish rate of toll.

3.—Supervisors may issue bonds.

4.—Duties of supervisors with reference to tax.

5.—How bonds to be signed.

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

Supervisors may
build bridge

SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of the township of Houston, in the county of Houston, be, and they are hereby authorized to build and construct two bridges across Root River, in said township, one of the same at the ferry known as "Houston Village Ferry," the other at the ferry known as "Hendrickson's Ferry."

Provides for toll

SEC. 2. The said board of supervisors, for the purpose of keeping the said bridges in good repair, and to provide a revenue for the payment of a part of the principal and interest of the bonds issued by virtue of the provisions of this act may, whenever they deem it expedient, ask, demand and receive reasonable toll for crossing and re-crossing the said bridges: *Provided*, That no greater toll shall be demanded than that which the said ferries now ask, demand and receive for crossing said ferries, and that the said township supervisors shall be subject to the same restrictions and liabilities, rules and regulations, as are now provided by law for such purposes.

May issue bonds

SEC. 3. For the purpose of building the bridges designated in section one of this act, the said supervisors are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of the said township in a sum not exceeding \$6,000.00, in

such denominations as they shall determine, payable in two, four and six years, with interest at a rate not exceeding twelve per cent. per annum: *Provided*, That the said bonds shall not be issued until a majority of all the legal voters of the said township, after due notice shall have been given of the taking of such question, at any annual or special town meeting held pursuant to law, shall so determine: *Provided, further*, That in the event of the refusal of the electors of the said town to authorize the issue of the said bonds the said board of supervisors shall have full power and authority to levy a special tax for the purpose of building the said bridges.

SEC. 4. In the event of any bonds being issued under the provisions of this act, the supervisors shall in each and every year certify to the county auditor of the county of Houston, in the same manner as other town taxes are certified, an amount sufficient to provide for the prompt payment of the principal and interest of the said bonds as fast as the same shall become due and payable, and the said county auditor shall thereupon extend the amount so certified upon the tax duplicate and the same shall be collected as other taxes are collected.

Duty of county auditor

SEC. 5. All bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall be signed by the chairman of the board of supervisors of said township and countersigned by the town clerk, and the said supervisors shall have full authority to negotiate the sale of the said bonds: *Provided*, That the same shall in no case be sold at less than par.

How bonds signed

SEC. 6. This act shall have full force and effect in all respects from and after its passage.

Approved March 4, 1867.