

CHAPTER XCVI.

AN ACT TO DETACH CERTAIN TERRITORY IN DAKOTA COUNTY AND ANNEX THE SAME TO THE COUNTY OF RAMSEY.

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

Description of the territory detached.

SECTION 1. That all of that part of Dakota county lying north of the south boundary line of sections seven, (7) eight (8) and nine (9) of township number twenty-eight, range twenty-two (22) west, and section twelve (12) of township number twenty-eight, (28) range twenty-three west, are hereby detached from the county of Dakota and attached to the county of Ramsey, for all purposes whatsoever. South-west of the south-east quarter of section seven, (7) town (28) twenty-eight, range (22) twenty-two west, is excepted from the provisions of this act, and shall remain a part and portion of Dakota county.

Limits of city of St. Paul extended.

SEC. 2. That the boundaries and limits of the city of Saint Paul shall be enlarged so as to comprise in addition to the territory therein included, the following described district of country, viz.: All that portion of section number twelve, (12) township twenty-eight, range twenty-three (23) southeasterly of the centre of the Mississippi river, all of sections five, (5) six, (6) seven (7) and nine (9) of township number twenty-eight, (28) range twenty-two, (22) southerly of the centre of the Mississippi river, and all of section eight (8) of township number twenty-eight, (28) range twenty-two (22) west, which said territory shall constitute and be denominated the sixth ward of said city, and shall be entitled to representatives in the common council and board of education as now provided by law in the other wards of said city. All the afore-described enlarged territory of the said city of Saint Paul shall be within and subject to the jurisdiction of the city of Saint Paul, and the said municipal corporation and the charter thereof, and the acts of the legislature amendatory of, or supplementary to the same, or in any way applicable to said city, now or hereafter ordained and established, shall embrace, extend and apply to the said

And its jurisdiction.

enlarged territory of the city of Saint Paul, and every part thereof, and the inhabitants now or hereafter inhabiting said enlarged territory and every part thereof to the same extent, and with like force and effect as the same may or could apply to the said city of Saint Paul, and to any part of the territory of the said city of Saint Paul contained within the limits of said city as they existed immediately prior to the passage of this act; *Provided*, That no assessment or levy of any tax shall be made upon any part of the property real or personal embraced within the enlarged limits of the city as extended by this act, for the payment of any portion of the interest and principal of the existing indebtedness of said city, funded or otherwise. *Provided further*, That all taxes now assessed or to be assessed before the ratification of this act by the voters of Ramsey and Dakota counties shall be collected and paid over as now provided by law, to Dakota county. *Provided further*, That a pro rata proportion of taxes for payment of the present indebtedness of Dakota county, shall be charged, according to present assessed valuation, upon the property hereby provided to be detached from Dakota county, and shall be assessed upon the property so detached from Dakota county and collected by Ramsey county as other taxes, and shall be promptly paid by Ramsey county to the treasurer of Dakota county.

With certain provisions.

SEC. 3. At any time after the passage of this act and at least two months before the next general election, the city council of the city of Saint Paul shall by an ordinance or resolution enact that from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, the bridge across the Mississippi river at Wabashaw street is declared to be a free bridge, and after that date no sums of money shall be charged by the city of Saint Paul as tolls for the crossing of said bridge by persons or property. *Provided*, That said ordinance or resolution shall not take effect unless the electors of Dakota and Ramsey counties shall vote to attach said territory of Dakota county to Ramsey county as in this act provided; and *Provided further*, That if at any time after such attachment of said territory of Dakota county to Ramsey county, the city of Saint Paul shall make said bridge a toll bridge, or permit the same to be done, the territory by this act detached from Dakota county and attached to Ramsey county, shall thereupon revert to Dakota county, and be-

Bridge to be made free.

come re attached to Dakota county, as if it had never been detached therefrom. ●

Question submit-
ted to vote.

SEC. 4. At the time of giving notice of the next general election, it shall be the duties of the officers in the counties of Dakota and Ramsey, required by law, to give notice in like manner that at said election the question will be submitted to the electors of said counties whether this law shall be adopted, but no failure or irregularity in such notice shall in any way vitiate the vote on such question.

Form of ballot.

SEC. 5. At said election the electors of said counties in favor of the adoption of this law shall have distinctly written or printed or partly written and partly printed on their ballots, "For change of county line;" those opposed to such adoption the words, "Against change of county line." Such votes shall be received and canvassed at the same time, in the same manner and returned to the same officers by the judges of election as votes for county officers.

Canvass and re-
turn of votes.

SEC. 6. The county canvassing board of each of said counties to whom the returns of election are made, shall canvass the returns upon said question in the same manner and at the same time as returns for county officers, and the abstracts thereof shall be made out on one sheet, and signed and certified in the same manner as in the case of abstract votes for said officers, and shall be deposited in the county auditor's office immediately thereafter, and a copy thereof duly certified by the said auditor, forwarded by him to the secretary of state, and the governor shall thereupon forthwith, if this law is adopted, make proclamation to that effect in such manner as he shall deem advisable.

SEC. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 8. Sections one, two and three of this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its ratification hereof as aforesaid, and the other sections of this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1873.