

CHAPTER CXCIH.

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE COUNTY SEAT OF WATONWAN COUNTY FROM THE TOWN OF MADELIA TO THE VILLAGE OF SAINT JAMES, IN SAID COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. That the county seat of the county of Watonwan in the state of Minnesota be and the same is hereby removed from the town of Madelia, where it is now located, in said county, to the village of Saint James, in said county.

SEC. 2. At the time of giving notice of the next general election, it shall be the duty of the officers of said county of Watonwan required by law to give notice of said election, to give notice in like manner that at said election a vote will be taken on the question of adopting this act removing the county seat from the town of Madelia to the village of Saint James, as provided in section first of this act. But no failure of or irregularity in such notice or in the giving of such notice shall in any way vitiate the vote on such question.

SEC. 3. At said election the electors of said county in favor of the removal of the said county seat as provided in this act, shall have distinctly written or printed or partly written and partly printed on their ballots, " For removal of county seat;" those opposed to such removal, " Against removal of county seat." And such ballots shall be received by the judges of election and canvassed at the same time and in the same manner and returned to the same office as votes for county officers.

SEC. 4. The county canvassing board of said county, to whom said election returns are made, shall canvass the votes on said question at the same time and in the same manner as returns of votes for county officers; and if, upon such canvass being made, it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast at such election were voted in favor of the adoption of this act and the removal of said county seat, an abstract of the canvass of said votes shall be made on one sheet, signed and certified in the same manner as in cases of abstracts of votes for the county officers, and shall be deposited in the office of the county auditor of said county, and the said county auditor shall immediately thereafter transmit to the secretary of state a copy of said abstract duly certified by said auditor.

SEC. 5. If this act shall be adopted by a majority of the electors of said county of Watonwan voting at the said election at the next general election, the governor shall forthwith make proclamation as provided by law in such cases. And it is hereby made the duty of all officers who are required by law to hold their offices at the county seat, to remove their said offices, books and records to the new county seat at Saint James within thirty days after the removal of said county seat as in this act provided, without further notice, and any failure to so remove said offices shall operate as a forfeiture of their said offices.

SEC. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, except as to section one, (1) which is to take effect and be in force from and after the adoption of the same, as provided herein.

Approved February 20, 1873.

CHAPTER CXCIV.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COUNTY SEAT OF MEEKER COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. That the county seat of the county of Meeker is hereby established at the village of Litchfield, in said county, as the boundaries of said village are determined and defined in an act of the legislature of the state of Minnesota, approved February twenty-ninth (29), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, (1872,) entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Litchfield." *Provided, however,* That the legal voters of said county of Meeker shall, at the next general election after the passage of this act, vote for the establishment of the county seat at the above-named village of Litchfield.

SEC. 2. At the time of giving notice of the next general election it shall be the duty of the county auditor of said county, to, and he shall, give notice in like manner that at said election a vote will be taken as to whether this law shall take effect, and the county seat of said county shall be established at the village of Litchfield. The