

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 All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.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

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## 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

ballots cast at said election shall have printed or written or partly written and partly printed thereon the words, "For establishing the county seat at the village of Litchfield," or "Against establishing the county seat at the village of Litchfield." The votes upon said question shall be canvassed in the same manner and returned to the same office by the judges of election of the several townships in said county as votes for county officers.

SEC. 3. The officers to whom said returns are made, and the proper canvassing board of said election, shall within ten days after said election canvass the votes for and against the establishment of the county seat as above mentioned and provided, and if it shall appear that a majority of the votes have been cast in favor of the establishment of the county seat at said village of Litchfield, then the county seat shall be established at said village of Litchfield, until changed or removed in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided, but if it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast are against the establishment of the county seat at the village of Litchfield, then and in that case said county seat shall not be so established, and nothing in this act shall be construed to effect or change said county seat from its present condition [location].

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1873.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,  
ST. PAUL, July 1, 1873. }

I hereby certify that the foregoing laws have been carefully compared with the originals on file in this office, and the same are true and correct copies thereof.

S. P. JENNISON,  
*Secretary of State.*