

by the county auditors of each county to the secretary of state, and if it shall appear that this act has been approved by a majority of the electors of each and every county voting thereon at said election the governor shall make proclamation to that effect forthwith, in such manner as he shall deem advisable.

Declared organized county.

SEC. 6. The county of Seward is hereby declared an organized county and attached to the county of Redwood for judicial purposes.

Repeal of inconsistent acts.

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 All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its ratification by a majority of the electors in each and every county voting thereon as hereinbefore provided, except such parts as require the election of county commissioners for said proposed county and provide for submitting the changes proposed by this act to the electors of the counties of Lac qui Parle, Lincoln and Yellow Medicine, which said part of this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 9, 1874.

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## CHAPTER C.

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COUNTY OF COOK AND PROVIDE FOR ITS ORGANIZATION.

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

Limits of Cook county.

SECTION 1. That all that portion of the territory of the present county of Lake, state of Minnesota, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the north shore of Lake Superior, on the range line between ranges five (5) and six (6) west, of the fourth principal meridian, thence north on said range line to the boundary line between the United States and the British Possessions, thence easterly on said boundary line to the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Michigan, thence southerly on said state boundary line to the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Wis-

consin, thence westwardly on said state boundary line to a point where a scutherly prolongation of the range line first mentioned would intersect the state boundary line, thence north to the place of beginning be and the same hereby is established as the county of Cook.

SEC. 2. At the time of giving notice of the next general election to be hold in the year A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four it shall be the duty of the officers of each voting precinct in the county of Lake required to give notice of such election, to, in the same manner, and at the same time, give notice that at such elections the provisions of this act will be submitted to the electors of said county of Lake for their approval or disapproval.

Notice of vote upon this act general election.

SEC. 3. At said election each voter of said county in favor of establishing the county proposed in this act shall have plainly printed or written or partly written and partly printed on their ballots "For establishing the county of Cook," and those opposed to the establishing the proposed county shall have plainly written or printed or partly written and printed the words "Against establishing the county of Cook."

Ballots, how prepared.

SEC. 4. Such votes shall be received and canvassed at the same time and in the same manner, and returns thereof made to the same officers by the judges of election precincts in said county as ballots for county officers are required to be canvassed and returned.

Receiving and canvassing of the votes by precinct judges.

SEC. 5. The county canvassing board of the county of Lake shall canvass the returns upon the said propositions in the same manner and the same time as returns for county officers are required by law to be canvassed and the abstract thereof shall be made on one sheet signed and certified to in the same manner as in the case of abstract of votes for county officers, and it shall be deposited in the county auditor's office immediately thereafter, and a copy thereof duly certified by the county auditor, immediately enclosed and forwarded by him to the secretary of state, as provided by section twenty one of chapter one of the general statutes, and if it appears that this act has been approved by a majority of the electors of said county voting at said election, the governor shall make proclamation to that effect forthwith in such manner as he shall deem advisable.

Canvass of the returns by county canvassing board.

SEC. 6. This act shall not be deemed nor construed to affect in any manner the collection of any tax upon any property within the territory of the new county of Cook,

Act does not affect taxes levied previous to its adoption.

levied and uncollected previous to the time when this act shall take effect; but all such taxes shall be collected and payment thereof enforced by the officers of the county of Lake, in the same manner and with the same effect as if said territory had remained and continued a part of the county of Lake, and any and all moneys then remaining in or afterwards coming into the treasury of the said county of Lake, [or] into the possession of any officer of the said county, belonging to or payable to any town or school or road district, hereby made a part of said new county of Cook, shall be apportioned and paid over to such town or district in the same manner as they would have been, had such town or district remained within the said county of Lake.

Governor to appoint commissioners.

SEC. 7. In case the said county shall be established as herein provided, the governor shall appoint three qualified electors of the said county of Cook, as commissioners of said county, and the said commissioners shall, within thirty days thereafter, qualify and enter upon the duties of their offices, and they shall hold their offices until the next general election, and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Duty of the commissioners.

SEC. 8. The county commissioners appointed and qualified according to the provisions of this act, shall at their first meeting, or at some subsequent meeting previous to the next general election, proceed to locate the county seat of the said county of Cook, and appoint qualified persons to fill all the county officers [offices] in said county; which persons so appointed, and having qualified, shall hold their offices until the next general election. And said commissioners shall appoint two justices of the peace, and two constables, which persons so appointed, and having qualified, shall hold their offices until the next annual town meeting.

Duty of the register of deeds.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the register of deeds appointed as in this act provided or his successors in office to transcribe into the records of his office, as soon as may be, all the records of all the property included in the said new county of Cook, from the records of the county of Lake, and he shall receive for the said work from the county treasury of said new county, not to exceed six cents per folio, and said records so made shall be the legal records of all the real estate in said new county and have the same effect as though the original instrument had been recorded in said office; *Provided,*

That until the proper books of record are provided for by said new county of Cook, all instruments relating to the title of real estate situated in said county may be recorded in the office of register of deeds in and for the county of Lake and such recording shall be of full force and validity.

SEC. 10. Upon reasonable request and the payment of one dollar, the county auditor of the county of Lake shall deliver to any person demanding the same a certified copy of the abstract of votes filed in his office as prescribed in section five of this act.

When to deliver up certified copy of abstract of votes.

SEC. 11. The county of Cook is hereby attached to the county of St. Louis for judicial purposes.

Attached for judicial purposes.

SEC. 12. No neglect nor informality in posting or giving notices as required in section two of this act, shall in any way affect the full force and validity of the vote by this act provided for.

No informality to vitiate.

SEC. 13. This act shall be of full force and take effect from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

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## CHAPTER CI.

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:*

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

Territory detached.

SEC. 2 That the boundaries and limits of the city of