

ernor of the state shall forthwith make proclamation, in such manner as he deems advisable, that this law is adopted; and within sixty days thereafter the county offices of said county who are required by law to hold their offices at the county seat, shall remove their offices to the county seat as prescribed by this act.

SEC. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.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, which is to take effect and be in force from and after the adoption of the same as provided in this act.

Approved March 9, 1874.

CHAPTER LXXIII.

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 village and 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 and village of Madelia to the said 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 can-

vassed 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 electors of said county of Watonwan 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 abstracts duly certified by said auditor.

SEC. 5. If this act shall be adopted by a majority of the electors of said county of Watonwan, 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 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. Chapter one hundred and ninety-three of special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. It shall be lawful for the village authorities of said Madelia and Saint James, and they are respectively hereby authorized to appoint by certificate under their hand a proper person to attend upon such of the townships and village boards and judges of election thereof, in said county as they may deem necessary, who shall have authority, and whose duty it shall be to witness the action of said townships and village boards or judges of election in receiving and preparing the register of legal voters in either of the election districts of said county for the next general election and in conducting the next general election in either of said election districts. Said person or persons so appointed shall be sworn, and it shall be their duty to see that none but legal votes [voters] of said county are registered and allowed to vote at any of the several election districts of said county, and to use all lawful means in their power to prevent fraud and deceit thereat, and to cause to be prosecuted any and all persons found guilty of any fraud or deceit at any of said election districts. And it is hereby made the duty of the officers or judges of election of said election districts to allow such persons so appointed to be present at the making of such registry

lists, or holding of such elections, and to afford them all proper facilities to freely and fully witness the same, and the canvass of the votes cast thereat, and the preparation and sealing of the official returns thereof, and to make an abstract of the same if so desired, and the fact that any of said persons so appointed shall be refused or denied the rights and privileges herein given by any board or judges of election, shall be deemed *prima facie* evidence that the votes cast thereat upon the removal of said county seat are fraudulent and void.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, except as to section one which is to take effect from and after the adoption of the same, as provided herein.

Approved March 9, 1874.

CHAPTER LXXIV.

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE COUNTY SEAT OF LE SUEUR COUNTY FROM THE TOWN OF LE SUEUR, TO THE VILLAGE OF CLEVELAND, IN SAID COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. That the county seat of Le Sueur county in the state of Minnesota, be and the same is hereby removed from the town of Le Sueur where it is now located, to the village of Cleveland, 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 Le Sueur, required by law to give notice of such 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 Le Sueur to the village of Cleveland, as provided in section one 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 bal-