

CHAPTER XXXI.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWO HUNDRED AND THREE OF TITLE XI OF CHAPTER EIGHT, GENERAL STATUTES.

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

SECTION 1. Section two hundred and three of chapter eight, title XI, be amended so as to read as follows :

Sec. 2. Whenever a surveyor is required to make a subdivision of a section as established by the United States survey, he shall proceed as follows: Whether the section is fractional or not, excepting on the northern and western tier of sections of those townships whose northern boundary is a standard "parallel," or correction line hereinafter provided for, commencing at either quarter section corner of the section, he shall run direct lines to the opposite quarter section corner of the section, and at the intersection of said lines, he shall establish a common centre therefor, at which a post marked " $\frac{1}{4}$ S," on opposite sides with a suitable instrument, shall be firmly fixed and driven into the ground; and, if practicable, two bearing-trees shall be marked in the same manner, and their course and distance from the said post noted in the plat and field notes; and in all sections on the northern or western boundary lines of townships, the surveyor, in making a subdivision of such sections, shall commence at the quarter section corner on the south or east boundary of the section, (as the case may be,) and run a line to a point intersecting a direct (right angle) line running from the quarter section corners east and west, or north and south, at a point equi-distant from the said quarter section corners, and at said point of intersection he shall establish a post for a common centre, as hereinbefore provided for; and from said common centre he shall continue the line northerly or westerly in a direct line to the quarter section corner on the north or west section line, (as the case may be.) In those townships whose northern boundary is a standard parallel or correction line, but upon which no quarter section posts are established for the sections adjoining it on the south by the United States surveyors, the county surveyor, whenever required to subdivide such sections, shall establish a quarter post on such standard parallel or "correcting line," equi-distant from the section posts established at the intersection of the parallel by the section lines south, such quarter post to be marked only on the side facing the south, and (when practicable) two bearing-trees south of such line marked, and their course and distance from such quarter post duly noted,

Rules for subdividing sections.

the subdivision of such sections may be then proceed with as hereinbefore directed.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

Approved March 5, 1875.

CHAPTER XXXII.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH LANDMARKS FOR TOWNSHIPS.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of every county in this state having a population of over five thousand, to cause to be placed at the northeast section stake on the northeast corner of every government township in their respective counties a "landmark;" said landmark shall be of a stone not less than eight inches square and two feet long, sunk the full depth in the ground, duly marked on the top by chisel marks, the number and range of said township and section, or an iron post two inches square and thirty inches long, with flat head six inches square, with letters on the top indicating the town, range and section, the expenses to be paid out of the county treasury, as other expenses of said county are paid.

County commissioners to establish township landmarks.

SEC. 2. Said "landmarks" shall be located by the county surveyor of each county, and where there be no county surveyor, then by a competent surveyor employed by said commissioners, and shall be located if possible where the government stake was located, or as near as can be, and the same shall be considered and taken prima facie evidence as the legal corner of said government section one in said government township, according to government survey.

By whom located.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, destroy or deface said "landmarks," and upon conviction of the same shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by fine and imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the court, not more than one hundred dollars and not less than twenty-five dollars, and not more than thirty days' imprisonment in the county jail of the county.

Penalty for defacing or destroying landmarks.

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

When act to take effect.

Approved March 9, 1875.