

## CHAPTER CLXXX.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A COURT HOUSE AND JAIL IN SAID COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of Martin county are hereby authorized to issue bonds for the purpose of erecting a court house and jail connected therewith, at Fairmont, the county seat of said county. The total sum of said bonds not to exceed the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, in such denominations as the said county commissioners may determine.

SEC. 2. Said bonds may bear interest at a rate not exceeding ten per cent. per annum, payable annually, and the principal payable as may be determined by the county commissioners of said county, not exceeding twenty years in time from the date of said bonds, nor less than five years.

SEC. 3. The proper authorities of the said county of Martin shall annually include in the general tax levied in said county, an amount sufficient to pay the interest on such of said bonds as may be issued and when any principal of said sum is about to become due, a sufficient amount to pay such principal.

SEC. 4. The bonds issued under the provisions of this act shall be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners of said county, and countersigned by the auditor of said county, before the same shall become valid; and said auditor shall keep a record of all bonds so issued, showing the number, dates, amounts, to whom issued, and when payable.

SEC. 5. The said board of county commissioners shall negotiate said bonds as in their judgment shall be for the best interest of said county; *Provided*, that said board shall not negotiate said bonds at less than their par value.

SEC. 6. Said bonds shall not be issued as provided in section one of this act, unless authorized by a majority vote of the qualified voters of said county; and for the purpose of taking the vote of said voters, the commissioners of said county shall give public notice of the time of such voting, in some newspaper having general circulation in said county, for at least ten days previous to the next annual town election, and shall also post notices in at least ten public places in said county, for at least ten days previous to said election, setting forth, substantially, the amount of bonds proposed to be issued or disposed of, and the time of

voting upon the question. And those voting in favor of such issue shall have written, or printed, written and partly printed on the ballots used, the words, "for issue of bonds for court house and jail," and those voting against such issue, shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed on the ballots used, "against the issue of bonds for court house and jail." Such voting shall be done at the usual places of holding elections in said county, and be conducted by the same officers and in the manner as other elections, and it shall be the duty of the town clerks of the several towns in said county to make a return to the county auditor of said county the vote cast in his town upon said proposition within five days after said election, and the vote shall be counted by the auditor and two justices of the peace of said county within ten days after said election, and if a majority said votes so reported shall be in favor of the issue of said bonds they shall then be issued, but not otherwise. *Provided*, That if said proposition is defeated at the next annual town meeting it may be submitted at any future annual town meeting by complying with the provisions of this act.

SEC. 7. The village of Fairmont, in said Martin county, is hereby authorized, through its proper officers, upon the petition of five or more of the legal voters, tax payers, of said village, to call a special election at any time to vote upon the question of the issuing of the said county bonds as aforesaid. At such special election the ballots to be used shall be the same as heretofore provided for in this act, and the election conducted by the same officers and in the same manner that general elections are conducted in said village, and that the recorder of said village of Fairmont shall report said vote to the auditor of said county, as is required in this act of town clerks, and the said votes shall be counted at the same time and in the same manner as is herein provided for counting the votes of said towns. Said village may call subsequent elections for the purpose of voting upon the said proposition to issue bonds, in case of the defeat of the said proposition at the first election thereon, in the same manner as the first election is provided for.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 31, 1879.