

CHAPTER 324.

[S. F. No. 151.]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING EACH TOWNSHIP, CITY AND CERTAIN VILLAGES IN POLK COUNTY TO SUPPORT THEIR OWN POOR.

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

SECTION 1. That each township and city and each village forming a separate election district in the county of Polk, shall support all poor persons in such town, city or village, and the board of supervisors of each town and the council of all such cities and villages in said county shall have entire and exclusive superintendence of the poor of their respective towns, cities and villages.

SEC. 2. The electors of each town in said county shall at their annual town meeting and the councils of each of such cities and villages, shall by resolution in each year, vote to raise such sums of money for the support of the poor as they may deem expedient. Which facts the clerks of such towns and the recorders of such cities and villages shall certify to the county auditor of said county. The auditor of said county shall at the time of making the grand tax duplicates of said county assess and levy upon all the taxable property of each of such towns, cities and villages in said county, such sums raised by such towns, cities and villages for said purpose,

SEC. 3. All applications for aid shall be made to the board of township supervisors or city or village council, and upon a proper case being made out for aid, the supervisors or council, or a majority of them shall order such sums of money, or other thing as they may deem best, to be paid to such poor person or pauper, at such time and in such manner as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 4. The county treasurer of said county shall refund to the town, city or village treasurer of each of such townships, cities or villages the amount of poor funds in his hands belonging to each of such towns, cities or villages or collected from each of such towns, cities or villages.

SEC. 5. The general laws of the state as to the residence of poor persons in order to obtain aid from counties shall apply to towns, cities and villages in said Polk county, and the rule as to residence in the county shall apply to residence of poor in towns, cities and villages in said county. *Provided*, that no poor persons or paupers shall be entitled to aid from such towns, cities or villages, unless he or she shall have been a resident therein for at least one (1) year.

SEC. 6. The township board of supervisors and the councils of such cities and villages shall be superintendents of the poor in their respective townships, cities and villages, and shall take charge of such poor persons or paupers to the exclusion of the county commissioners of said county of Polk. *Provided, however*, that the county shall provide for the poor in the same manner as they are now pro-

vided for, until April first (1st), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (1889).

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 7th, 1889.

CHAPTER 325.

[S. F. No. 158.]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LA CROSSE, ITS SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

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

SECTION 1. The city of La Crosse, of the state of Wisconsin, its successors or assigns, is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, operate and maintain a bridge across the Mississippi river, for the passage of vehicles of all kinds, animals and foot passengers, commencing at any point within the limits of the county of Houston in this state, and extending from thence across Barron's island, to the corporate limits of the city of La Crosse, in the state of Wisconsin. *Provided, that such bridge shall be constructed in accordance with the laws of congress, and subject to the approval of the secretary of war.*

SEC. 2. The city of La Crosse, its successors or assigns, is hereby authorized to construct and maintain a wagon road commencing at any point on a lawful highway, in the county of Houston in this state, north of the south line of Commercial avenue in Cameron's addition to the village of La Crescent, otherwise known as the Pine Creek road, and extending thence by the most direct and feasible route to the boundary line between this state and the said state of Wisconsin, opposite the corporate limits of the said city of La Crosse, and for that purpose, the said city of La Crosse, its successors and assigns, may acquire and hold for the purpose aforesaid, by purchase, gift or otherwise, as shall be agreed upon between the said city, its successors or assigns, and the owners thereof, so much land not exceeding one hundred feet in width, as shall be necessary for the construction and maintenance of said wagon road: Said city, its successors or assigns, may also build, construct and maintain all such bridges and culverts as shall be necessary and convenient for the use of said wagon road. The said road hereby authorized shall be a private road and shall never become a public highway by use or otherwise, nor shall the state of Minnesota or any county or town therein, ever become liable in any manner therefor, or to maintain the same or any part thereof, or to any person by reason of the injuries sustained by or upon the same.