

erase, mark across or scratch out one (1) of said words "Yes" or "No" on said ballot and leave the other on the same when deposited in the ballot box; and no ballots shall be counted except those having one only of said words "Yes" or "No" thereon, unless otherwise provided by law.

The votes cast upon the question thus submitted shall be canvassed and returned in the same manner as votes for county officers; and if a majority shall be found to have voted in favor of the said change, the same shall take effect as soon as funds shall become available in the treasuries of the several towns, cities and villages in said county, for the support and care of the poor, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter one hundred and seventy (170) of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (1889.)

SEC. 2. In case a majority of the votes cast shall be in favor of the town system, the relief and care of the poor in said county of Lac qui Parle shall be governed in all respects by Chapter one hundred and seventy (170) of the General Laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine (1889), an act to authorize counties to change their system of caring for the poor.

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

Approved April 20, 1891.

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## CHAPTER 402.

[H. F. No. 18.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF LAKE TO ISSUE BONDS FOR LAYING OUT, BUILDING AND IMPROVING COUNTY ROADS.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of the county of Lake, in this state, are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county, to an amount not exceeding the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars, for the purpose of laying out, building and improving county roads in said county; and the said board is hereby authorized to disburse the funds to be derived from the sale of said bonds.

SEC. 2. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding six (6) per cent per annum, payable annually, and the principal thereof shall become due and payable in such installments, and at such time or times, as the said board of county commissioners shall determine, in not less than five (5) years, nor more than twenty (20) years after the date of said bonds.

SEC. 3. Said bonds and the interest coupons attached shall be signed by the chairman of said board of county commissioners and be attested by the auditor of said county and be sealed with his seal and be made payable at such place in the state of Minnesota, and in such

denominations, as the board of county commissioners shall determine. The auditor of said county shall keep a record of all bonds issued, which record shall show the date, number and amount of each bond, the rate of interest, the time when due, the place where payable and the name of the party to whom issued.

SEC. 4. The proper authorities of the said county of Lake shall, annually, levy and collect, in addition to all other taxes, and in the same manner that other taxes are levied and collected, an amount sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds so issued, and when any principal is about to become due a sufficient amount to pay such principal.

SEC. 5. The said board of county commissioners are hereby given full authority to negotiate all of said bonds in such manner as in their judgment shall be for the best interests of said county, and for a sum not less than their par value.

SEC. 6. Before any bonds shall be issued under the provisions of this act, the proposition to issue the same shall first be submitted to a vote of the electors of said Lake county at a regular election, or at a regular election therefor, to be held in said county, at such places in said county and at such time as shall be determined by the board of county commissioners of said county; but at least one (1) voting place shall be established in each commissioner district for the purpose of voting upon said proposition.

If said proposition shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said county at a regular election, then the same notices shall be given as are required by law for a regular election; if at a special election, the said board of county commissioners shall, before the holding of said special election, give twenty (20) days' public notice of the time and place of holding said special election, by posting in three (3) public places in each commissioner's district three (3) notices setting forth that a proposition for issuing said bonds will be voted upon at said election. The polling places shall be open from nine (9) o'clock in the morning until five (5) o'clock in the afternoon of the day appointed for said election. The notices herein provided for shall also state the hours during which the polls will be kept open for voting upon said proposition.

It is hereby made the duty of all officers of said county to comply with the directions of said board in preparing notices and other necessary arrangements for said election. The ballots shall have printed on them the following words: "For issue of bonds for laying out, building and improving county roads;" or, "Against issue of bonds for laying out, building and improving county roads."

Said vote shall be cast at said polling places in the same manner as votes are cast for county officers. The votes shall be canvassed in the same manner as votes cast for county officers, and if upon such canvass a majority of said votes cast shall be in favor of issuing said bonds as provided by this act, said bonds when issued in accordance with the provisions of this act shall be lawful and valid.

SEC. 7. That if a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be against the approval and issuing of said bonds, then said board of county commissioners are hereby authorized, at any time after six (6) months from said election, to again submit the question of approval and issuing said bonds to the legal voters of said Lake county, in the manner and form hereinbefore described; and if at said election a

majority of the votes cast shall be in favor of issuing said bonds, then said board of county commissioners shall issue said bonds in accordance with the provisions of this act, and they shall be lawful and valid.

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

Approved January 29, 1891.

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## CHAPTER 403.

[H. F. No. 786.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LYON COUNTY, MINNESOTA, TO BUILD A COURT HOUSE AND JAIL AND TO ISSUE COUNTY ORDERS OR WARRANTS IN PAYMENT THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of the county of Lyon, in the state of Minnesota, are hereby authorized to erect and complete a court house and jail at the county seat of said county, such court house and jail to cost, when completed, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). Nor shall said commissioners enter into any agreement with, or entertain any proposition; plans or specifications tendered by any person or persons, for the erection of such court house and jail to cost any sum in excess of the sum hereinbefore named; *Provided*, that the said court house and jail shall not be erected unless first authorized by a majority vote of the qualified voters voting thereon, at the election to be held as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. The said board of county commissioners is further authorized to use in payment for the erection of such court house and jail any and all sums now belonging, or which may hereafter come into, the county revenue, bond and interest funds of said county, not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 3. Should the sums mentioned in section two (2) of this act be insufficient to pay for the erection and completion of such court house and jail, the said commissioners shall cause to be issued county orders or warrants for the balance remaining unpaid; such warrants shall draw interest at a rate not to exceed seven (7) per cent per annum and shall become due and payable at such time, not exceeding five (5) years after their issue, as the said commissioners may direct, and shall not be sold or disposed of for less than their par value; and all such warrants shall be payable out of the funds mentioned in section two (2) of this act.

SEC. 4. The said board is authorized to employ some suitable person to draft plans and specifications for the construction of such court house and jail, and may also employ a suitable person to act as supervising inspector of the construction of said building, and no money shall be paid or warrants issued for such construction except on the approval of such inspector.