

issue of bridge bonds—Yes;" "For issue of bridge bonds—No." Said ballots shall be cast and canvassed in the same manner as ballots cast at the usual annual village election of said village; and if it be found upon a canvass of the ballots cast that a majority of the voters present and voting upon such proposition, whenever the same shall be submitted, have voted in favor of issuing said bonds, then the issue of such bonds, or such portion thereof as the village council of said village shall deem necessary, shall be lawful, and such bonds shall be issued and with the coupons attached shall be signed by the president and recorder of said village. And said village council shall have the authority to negotiate the sale of said bonds in such manner as shall best subserve the interest of said village.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1891.

CHAPTER 476.

[H. F. No. 290.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WATONWAN TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A COURT HOUSE IN SAID COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of the county of Watonwan are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a court house at the village of St. James, the county seat of said county, in a sum not exceeding thirty thousand (30,000) dollars, in such denominations as such board of county commissioners may determine.

SEC. 2. The rate of interest on said bonds shall not exceed five (5) per cent per annum, to be payable annually, and the principal of said bonds shall be payable in such manner and at such time or times as the board of county commissioners may elect; *Provided, however*, that no part of the principal shall be made payable less than five (5) years from the date of their issue.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall be signed by the chairman of said board of county commissioners and countersigned and sealed by the auditor of said county, and shall have interest coupons attached thereto, which coupons shall be signed by said chairman and countersigned by the auditor of said county, and the said auditor shall keep a record of all the bonds issued under the provision of this act, giving numbers, dates and amounts, to whom issued and when payable.

SEC. 4. The said board of county commissioners shall negotiate such bonds in such manner as in their judgment shall be for the best interest of the county; *Provided*, that the net amount paid into the treasury from the sale thereof shall not be less than the par value of said bonds, together with any interest that may have accrued thereon before such sale and payment.

SEC. 5. Said board of county commissioners and the proper authorities of said county shall, and they are hereby authorized and required to, levy an annual tax on the taxable property of said county, over and above and in addition to all other taxes required by law to be levied, sufficient to pay the interest accruing on said bonds as it becomes due, and also to levy an additional tax, when any installment of principal of said bonds is about to become due, sufficient in amount to pay such principal sum or sums at maturity, which tax shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes for county purposes are levied and collected.

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 Watonwan county, at the next annual town meeting after the passage of this act. The ballots shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, on them the following words, "For issue of bonds for court house," or "Against issue of bonds for court house." Said votes shall be cast at said town meeting in the same manner as votes cast for town officers, and said votes shall be canvassed in the same manner as votes cast for county officers; and if, upon such canvass, a majority of the votes cast upon said proposition shall be in favor of issuing said bonds, the said board of county commissioners shall issue said bonds as provided by this act, and said bonds shall be lawful and valid.

SEC. 7. It is hereby made the duty of the county auditor of said county, at least ten (10) days prior to said annual town meeting, to notify the town clerks in the several towns in said county to insert a paragraph in the notice of the annual town meeting, setting forth that the question of issuing said bonds will be voted upon at said town meeting; and it is hereby made the duty of the town clerks of the several towns in said county to insert such notice in said notice of annual town meeting.

SEC. 8. That if said proposition to issue said bonds shall be defeated at said annual town meeting, the said proposition to issue said bonds in accordance with sections one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5) of this act shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said Watonwan county at each and every annual town meeting and at each and every general election in said county in the years A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two (1892), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three (1893), A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four (1894) and A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five (1895), until the same shall be duly carried. It shall be the duty of the officers in said county, required by law to give notices of town meetings and general elections, to give notice in like manner, that at said annual town meeting, or at said general election, as the case may be, the question of issuing said bonds will be submitted to the electors of said county. And the ballots of the electors voting upon said proposition shall be in the form prescribed by section six (6) of this act, and the said ballots shall be cast and canvassed in the same manner as votes cast for county officers; and if upon the canvass of said votes at any such town meeting or general election a majority of the voters who have voted upon such proposition shall have voted in favor of issuing said bonds, the said board of county commissioners shall issue said bonds as provided by this act, and said bonds shall be lawful and valid.

SEC. 9. Any neglect or failure of any officer in said county required by this act to give notice of the submitting of said proposition to the electors of said county at any town meeting or at any general election as provided by this act and the failure of any officer to perform any duty required by this act in connection with said election shall not invalidate such election or prohibit the canvass of the votes cast upon such proposition.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 19, 1891.

CHAPTER 477.

[H. F. No. 8.]

AN ACT REGULATING THE ELECTION OF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN WINONA COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. At the next ensuing general election to be held in the county of Winona, and biennially thereafter, a county superintendent of schools shall be elected by the electors resident in said county, exclusive of the city of Winona and the independent school district of St. Charles; but such superintendent may be a resident of any portion of said county.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved February 16, 1891.

CHAPTER 478.

[H. F. No. 520.]

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-ONE (361) OF THE SPECIAL LAWS OF MINNESOTA FOR THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE (1889.)

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter three hundred and sixty-one (361) of the Special Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine (1889) be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved March 20, 1891.