

mitment against such person, directing his seizure and imprisonment in pursuance of the prior sentence of said court, unless, in case of a fine, he shall pay such fine, or in default of payment, until he shall pay the same, not exceeding the period of the time specified in said sentence for imprisonment in default of payment, or if such person, prior to the execution of such bond, shall have been committed, then and in such case until he shall have served the unexpired term of such sentence, or paid such fine as aforesaid.

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

Approved March 21, 1899.

CHAPTER 75.

S. F. No. 110.

An act to authorize counties to purchase land to be used as agricultural fair grounds, on approval of electors of such county, and to improve, sell and lease the same.

Counties authorized to purchase land for fair grounds.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the board of county commissioners of any county in this state to purchase a tract of land in their county, to be used for holding agricultural fairs, and to improve the same and erect suitable buildings thereon for carrying on and maintaining agricultural fairs.

County commissioners empowered to purchase and improve.

Sec. 2. For the purpose of acquiring such lands the board of county commissioners of any county are hereby authorized to pay the purchase price thereof out of any moneys in the county treasury not otherwise appropriated, or to issue therefor the warrants or bonds of said county in payment therefor, in a sum not exceeding the reasonable value of said lands, and may fix the time and terms of payment of said warrants or bonds, and the amount of interest they shall bear, according to the terms of purchase agreed upon.

Lands to be paid for with money not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 3. If a majority of the electors of any county voting at any election at which the question of purchasing land to be used as agricultural fair grounds has been submitted, shall vote in favor of said purchase, the board of county commissioners of such county shall thereupon purchase suitable grounds to be used for agricultural fair grounds and make such improvements as shall be necessary and proper to fit the same for holding agricultural fairs thereon.

Commissioners to purchase and improve when electors have voted in favor of.

Question of purchase to be submitted to voters.

SEC. 4. The question of purchasing lands for agricultural fair grounds shall be submitted to the voters of any county at any general or special election. All elections provided for in this act may be called by a resolution in writing of the board of county commissioners, passed by a majority vote, which resolution shall distinctly state the purpose and the time of the election. Upon the passage of such resolution, the county auditor shall notify each town, city and village clerk in his county, that the question of purchasing lands for agricultural fair grounds shall be voted upon at the time stated in the resolution, such election to be controlled by the existing election laws.

Ballots, how prepared.

The ballots to be used at such election shall have printed or written, or partly written and partly printed on them, the following words: "For the purchase of lands for agricultural fair grounds, 'Yes;'" or, "For the purchase of lands for agricultural fair grounds, 'No;'" and such votes shall be cast in the same manner as votes are cast for town and city officers and shall be canvassed by the same officers.

Upon vote in favor of, commissioners to purchase, etc.

SEC. 5. If upon such election the majority of the electors voting at any such election in any such county vote in favor of purchasing lands for agricultural fair grounds, the county commissioners of said county shall forthwith proceed to purchase such lands as may be deemed proper and convenient for such purpose and shall improve same and make the same fit for holding fairs at once.

Commissioners may lease grounds to association.

SEC. 6. The county commissioners of any county, having purchased land for the use of agricultural fair grounds, as herein provided, may thereupon lease and let unto any responsible fair association or county agricultural association such grounds, upon such terms as they may deem advisable. *Provided*, that this act shall not be construed as authorizing or permitting any board of county commissioners to purchase any such land for fair grounds or to pay for the same without submitting the question to the vote of the people as herein provided, and no such purchase or payment shall be made unless a majority of the electors voting at any such election vote in favor of such proposition.

Commissioners not to proceed without vote of electors.

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

Approved March 20, 1899.