

## CHAPTER 384.

AN ACT to provide for the removal of the county seat of Lincoln county from the village of Marshfield to the village of Lake Benton in said county.

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

SECTION 1. That the county seat of Lincoln county in the State of Minnesota, be and the same is hereby removed from the village of Marshfield, where it is now, to the village of Lake Benton in said [Lincoln] county, said village of Lake Benton being located for the purpose of this act on the southeast quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section eight (8) town one hundred and nine (109) of range forty-five (45).

SEC. 2. At the time of giving notice of the next general election it shall be the duty of the officers of said Lincoln county required by law to give notice of such election to give notice in like manner that at said election a vote will be taken on the question of adopting this act, removing the county seat from the village of Marshfield to the village of Lake Benton in said county as provided in section one (1) of this act, but no failure of or irregularity in such notice nor in the giving of such notice shall in any way vitiate the vote on such question.

SEC. 3. At said election the electors of said county in favor of the removal of the said county seat as provided in this act shall have distinctly written or printed or partly written and partly printed "removal of the county seat," those opposed to such removal "against removal of county seat," and such ballots shall be received by the judges of election and canvassed at the same time and in the same manner and returned to the same officers as votes for county officers.

SEC. 4. The county canvassing board of said county of Lincoln to which said election returns shall be made shall canvass the votes on said question at the same time and in the same manner as returns of the vote for county officers, and if upon such canvass being made it shall appear that a majority of the votes cast at such election were voted in favor of the adoption of this act and for the removal of the county seat, then an abstract of the canvass of said votes shall be made separate and distinct from the other county returns of said election, and signed and certified in the same manner as in cases of abstract of vote for county officers, and shall be deposited in the office of the county auditor of said Lincoln county, and the said county auditor shall immediately thereafter transmit to the secretary of state a true copy of said abstract duly certified by said auditor.

SEC. 5. If this act shall be adopted by a majority of the electors of said Lincoln county voting at said election then and in that case

the governor of the State shall forthwith make proclamation as provided by law in such cases.

SEC. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, except section one (1) which is to take effect and be in force from and after the adoption of the same as provided herein.

Approved February 2, 1881.

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### CHAPTER 385.

AN ACT to permit certain persons to cut and maintain a channel from Floyd Lake to Pelican river.

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

SECTION 1. That George H. Johnston, his successors and assigns, are hereby permitted to cut and maintain a channel for milling purposes from Floyd Lake, at a point in the northwest quarter (N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section fifteen (15), in the township of Detroit, county of Becker, and State of Minnesota, to the Pelican river, at a point on said river at or near the north line of the southeast quarter (S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section twenty-three (23), of the same town, by the most practicable route.

*Provided*, that if any person or corporation interested and whose property may be injuriously affected shall refuse to make amicable settlement therefor and give a release, or if for any reason such release cannot be had, then the said George H. Johnston, his successors or assigns, may have such damages ascertained in the manner provided by chapter thirty-one (31), of the General Statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-eight (1878), relating to dams and mills.

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

Approved February 9, 1881.