

persons performing the same, in the discretion of the Supervisor of the Census.

§ 10. APPROPRIATION.] There is hereby appropriated out of the territorial treasury a sum of money sufficient to carry out the provisions of this act; and upon the approval of any amount by the Governor, on filing the proper voucher therefor, the territorial Auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the territorial Treasurer for the payment of the same.

§ 11. BLANKS.] The Governor, or Superintendent of Census, is hereby authorized and required to cause to be printed the necessary blanks for carrying out the provisions of this act; which printing shall be done by the lowest responsible bidder.

§ 12. GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS.] The sums of money received by the Governor for taking the census as herein provided, from the United States, as provided by section 22, of chapter 195, of the Statutes at Large of the United States, approved March 5, 1879, shall be paid into the territorial treasury for the benefit of the general fund.

Approved, March 13, 1885.

Change of Names.

TOWNS AND VILLAGES.

CHAPTER 31.

AN ACT Providing a Method for Changing the Names of Towns and Villages.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota:

§ 1. PETITION.] When any number of the inhabitants of any town or village shall desire to change the name thereof, there shall be filed in the office of the county clerk, or county auditor, a petition for that purpose which must be signed by at least two-thirds of the qualified electors of said town or village, setting forth the name by which said town or village is known; its location, as near as practicable, and giving the name which they desire the town shall thereafter be known by.

§ 2. NOTICE.] Notice of the filing of said petition, and the

time and place when the same shall be heard, and the objects and purposes thereof shall be given by posting up a written or printed notice, in at least five public places in the town or village, the name of which is sought to be changed, at least four weeks before the meeting of the board of county commissioners.

§ 3. DUTY OF COUNTY BOARD.] At the next regular meeting of the board of county commissioners, after said notices shall have been posted as aforesaid, said board shall proceed to hear and determine said petition, unless said hearing is for good cause continued until the next meeting; and said board shall on the hearing of said petition, also hear any remonstrance against the proposed change; and if on the hearing it shall appear to the said board that two-thirds of the qualified electors of said town or village in good faith signed said petition for change of name and desired the same, then the said board shall order said name to be changed as prayed for.

§ 4. RECORD.] Said order of the board shall thereupon be entered of record, giving the name of said town or village as set forth in said petition; the new name given; the time when the change shall take effect, which shall not be less than thirty days thereafter, and directing that notice of said change shall be published in at least one newspaper published in said county, if any; and if there is no newspaper published in said county, then said notice shall be published by posting the same for four weeks on the front door of the court house where the last term of the District Court of said county was held.

§ 5. FILING PROOF.] The ordinary proof of such publications shall be filed in the office of the county clerk or county auditor, and shall be by him filed for preservation; and on the day fixed by the board as aforesaid, the change shall be complete; *Provided*, That whenever the name of any town or village shall be changed by order of the provisions of this act, the county clerk or county auditor shall immediately notify the register of deeds, who shall note the change of name upon the plat of said town or village with the date thereof.

§ 6. COSTS.] In all cases arising under the provisions of this act, where there is no remonstrance or opposition to said petition, the petitioners shall pay all costs; but in all other cases costs shall abide the result of the proceeding, and be taxed to either party, in the discretion of the board, or divided equitably between the parties.

§ 7. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 12, 1885.