

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

CHAPTER 44.

[H. B. 136.]

ELECTION PRECINCTS.

AN ACT to Amend Section 481 of the Revised Code of 1895, of the State of North Dakota, Relating to Election Precincts.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

That section 481 of the Revised Code of 1895 be and is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

§ 481. PRECINCTS, HOW FORMED.] The board of county commissioners of each county in the State shall at its first session after the taking effect of this code, divide its county into election precincts, and establish the boundaries of the same, if it has not heretofore done so. The entirety of civil townships, cities or villages as voting precincts shall be preserved when possible, except when such preservation would conflict with the provisions of this section. In such case the civil township, city or village, except as hereinafter provided, shall be divided into two or more precincts, but in no case shall a precinct be composed of parts of two civil townships, or part of a township and city or village, excepting as hereinafter provided. Such board of commissioners shall designate one voting place in each precinct. No precinct shall contain more than three hundred electors. If at any election hereafter held, more than three hundred votes shall be cast at any voting place, it shall be the duty of the inspector in such precinct to report such fact to the board of county commissioners, which board shall at its next regular meeting divide such precinct as nearly as possible, so that the new precincts formed therefrom shall each contain two hundred and fifty electors as nearly as practicable; *Provided*, that nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting townships adjoining or having within their boundaries an incorporated city, town or village, of less than fifteen hundred inhabitants, from holding their election and having their voting place within the corporate limits of such city, town or village.

Provided, further, that when the combined vote of any township and incorporated city, town or village, or the combined vote of any township, and any portion of any incorporated city, town or village, within its boundaries or within the town lines or section

lines which form the boundaries thereof, does not exceed 300, such township and incorporated city, town or village, may have but one voting place.

Approved, March 9, 1897.

CHAPTER 45.

[S. B. 79.]

NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT to Amend Section 1892 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota, Relating to the Number of County Commissioners.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That section 1892 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 1892. The number of county commissioners of any county may be increased to five, or reduced to three, in the manner following: Whenever the legal voters of the county equal in number to one-third the number of legal votes cast at the last preceding general election, petition the board of county commissioners for an increase or decrease in the number of county commissioners, said board shall submit the question to a vote of the electors of the county at the next general election. Notice of the submission of such question shall be given in the notice of election prescribed by section 512 of the Revised Codes. If the petition is for an increase in the number of commissioners, the proposition shall be submitted in this form:

"For five commissioners."

"Against five commissioners."

If it is for a reduction, the proposition shall be in this form:

"For three commissioners."

"Against three commissioners."

Approved, February 17, 1897.