

SEC. 21. Take effect. The secretary of state shall have this act published once in the Iowa Capital Reporter and the Iowa Standard immediately, and shall take effect from and after its publication.

Approved, February 15th, 1847.

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CHAPTER 49.

GROCERY LICENSE.

AN ACT providing that the legal voters in each township determine at the township election, whether the county commissioners shall grant license for retailing intoxicating liquors in their respective counties or not.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Election. That the qualified electors in each county in this state, shall, at the first township election after the passage of this act, vote for or against a license being granted to any individual or individuals, in their proper county, for the retail of intoxicating liquors, by the county commissioners, agreeably to the existing license laws.

SEC. 2. Township election. That at the first township election to be holden in this state, there shall be a poll opened in each township of the several counties of the state, by the township officers or judges of election, for a vote to be taken upon a "license" or "no license;" which vote shall be by ballot. And at every annual township election thereafter, the [63] county commissioners of each county may order an election on the same subject, when in their opinion it may be proper to do so.

SEC. 3. Notice. That the notice shall be given of such election, at the time and in the manner required for the election of township and county officers.

SEC. 4. Election, how conducted. That said election shall, in all respects, be conducted in accordance with the laws now in existence, or which may hereafter be in existence, regulating township and county elections, so far as the same are applicable; and a majority of the votes cast in each county, at said election, shall determine the question of license in said county, and the county commissioners shall be governed accordingly.

SEC. 5. Certificate and returns. The result of said election shall be made out by the judges and clerks of the respective township elections, certifying how many votes were received for a license and also how many votes were received against a license, in their respective townships, sealed and directed to the county commissioner's clerk of their respective counties, and returned to said clerk within nine days from and after said election day.

SEC. 6. Duty of clerk. The said county commissioner's clerk shall, at the first session of said commissioner's court, after the returns from all the townships in said county are received, as provided in the foregoing section, open the same in the presence of the board of county commissioners, who shall determine from said returns whether or not license shall be granted in said county.

SEC. 7. Take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa Capital Reporter and the Iowa Standard of this city.

Approved, February 15th, 1847.

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