in March and September; in Delaware county, on the second Monday after the fourth Monday in March; in Clayton county, on the third Mondays after the fourth Mondays in March and September; in Dubuque county, on the fourth Mondays in April and the first Mondays in August and December.

Third district. In the third judicial district—In Van Buren county, on the first Mondays in March and September; in Jefferson county, on the third Mondays in March and September; in Keokuk county, on the fourth Mondays in March and September; in Mahaska county, on the first Monday after the fourth Mondays in March and September; in Wapello county, on the second Monday after the fourth Mondays in March and September; in Davis county, on the third Monday after the fourth Mondays in March and September; in Appanoose county, on the fourth Monday after the fourth Mondays in March and September; in Monroe county, on the fifth Monday after the fourth Mondays in March and September; in Marion county, on the sixth Monday after the fourth Mondays in March and September.

Fourth district. In the fourth judicial district—In Dallas county, on the first Mondays in March and September; in Polk county, on the second Mondays in March and September; in Jasper county, on the third Mondays in March and September; in Iowa county, on the fourth Mondays in March and September; in Benton county, on the first Monday after the fourth Mondays in March and September; in Linn county, on the second Monday after the fourth Mondays in March and September; in Johnson county, on the fourth Monday after the fourth Mondays in March and September.

SEC. 2. **Suits, etc., not to abate—jurors and witnesses.** No suits, indictments, recognizances, informations, declarations, pleas, or other process or proceedings, returnable at or pending in the said district courts or [of] any of the counties above named, shall abate, be made void, or in any wise affected in consequence of any change in the time of holding said courts by the provisions of this act; but, when the same may have been issued or may have been made returnable at any day in accordance with the time heretofore fixed for holding said courts, they shall be considered returnable to the term of the courts respectively named in this act; and all jurors, witnesses and other persons bound in any way, or summoned to appear before the courts mentioned above [76] at the next term thereof, shall be bound to appear at the time specified for holding courts by this act.

SEC. 3. **First term.** That the first terms of the district courts throughout the several counties of this state, after the passage of this act, shall commence and date their commencement from the same Monday in the month of May that is required by the first section of this bill [act,] in regard to the month of March. The provisions of this section are not to apply to the first judicial district.

SEC. 4. **Take effect.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the weekly newspapers in Iowa City .

Approved, February 17th, 1847.

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CHAPTER 59.

STATE ROADS.

AN ACT for laying out and establishing certain roads therein named.

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

SECTION 1. **Commissioners—from Keokuk county to Bloomfield.** That Joseph Kellum, of the county of Keokuk, Jesse Brookshire, of the county of

Wapello, and E. M. Kirkham, of the county of Davis, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out a state road, commencing at the county seat of Keokuk county, thence to Ottumwa, in Wapello county, and from thence to Bloomfield, in Davis county.

SEC. 2. **Commissioners—from Bloomington to Tipton.** That Charles Swetland, Prior Scott and Delavan Bratt, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to relocate a state road from Bloomington, in Muscatine county, to Tipton, in Cedar county, commencing at or near the court house in Bloomington, and from thence on the nearest practicable route to Tipton, in Cedar county.

SEC. 3. **Commissioners—from Lake Prairie to Fort Des Moines.** That John Hamilton, of Marion county, Monley Gillford, of Jasper county, and Thomas H. Napier, of Polk county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out a state road, commencing at Lake Prairie, in Marion county, to Fort Des Moines, in Polk county, running on the north side of the Des Moines river.

SEC. 4. **Commissioners—from Hendry's to Fort Des Moines.** That Thomas McMullen and John Rose, of Polk county, and Claiborne Hall, of Marion county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out a state road, commencing at the house of Granville Hendry, in Marion county, on the nearest and best route to Fort Des Moines, in Polk county.

SEC. 5. **Commissioners—from Cedar Rapids to the falls.** That James Leverich, of Linn county, Charles Cantonwine, of the county of Benton, and William Hunt, of the county of Black Hawk, [77] be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a state road, beginning at the Cedar Rapids, in Linn county, on the southwest side thereof, and running from thence on the nearest and best route to or near the house of Mr. Strawn, in said county of Linn; from thence, on the nearest and best route, to the county seat of Benton county; and from thence, on the nearest and best route, to the falls of said river, in the county of Black Hawk.

SEC. 6. **Commissioners—from Tipton to Dubuque.** That H. G. Whitlock, of Cedar county, Luke Potter of Jackson county, and William Hall, of Dubuque county, be and they are [hereby] appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a state road, commencing at Tipton, in Cedar county, via Canton, in Jackson county, to Dubuque, in Dubuque county.

SEC. 7. **Commissioners—from Cascade to Maquoketa.** That John Taylor, of Jones county, J. E. Goodenow and William Simerall, of Jackson county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out a state road, commencing at Cascade, in Dubuque county, via Canton to Maquoketa, in Jackson county.

SEC. 8. **Commissioners—from the military road to Canton.** That George S. Dewitt, of Jackson county, T. S. Denson and William Clark, of Jones county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out a state road, commencing at a point on the military road, on the south side of the south fork of the Maquoketa river, and near the crossing, by the way of the Scotch Grove, in Jones county, to Canton, in Jackson county.

SEC, 9. **Commissioners—from military road to Jenkins'.** That George L. Dickinson, Samuel P. Whitaker and William Burnham, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out a state road, commencing on the military road at or near the house of William Johnson, on Bourne's Prairie, Jones county; thence on the nearest and best route, to the bridge on the Scotch branch; thence on the nearest and best route, to McCay's ford, on the south fork of Maquoketa; thence on the nearest and best route, until it intersects a road from J. H. Jenkins', on the Waubesapinecon, to Dubuque.

SEC. 10. **Commissioners—from Cascade to Tete Des Morts.** That Lyman Dillon, of the county of Dubuque, Sylvester Stevens and Henry Burke, of the county of Jackson, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out a state road, commencing at the village of Cascade, in Dubuque county, thence to Geer's ferry, near the mouth of Tete Des Morts, in Jackson county.

SEC. 11. **When to meet—duties.** Said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at the commencement of their respective roads, on or before the first day of September next, and proceed to lay out and establish said roads agreeably to an act for laying out roads and highways, approved December 29, 1838; except that they shall not be required to forward a copy of the plats of said roads to the secretary of state.

Approved, February 18th, 1847.

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[78] CHAPTER 60.

STATE ROAD.

AN ACT to locate and establish a state road from Wood's Mill, in Van Buren county, to Bloomfield in Davis county.

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

SECTION 1. **Commissioners.** That John Hale, of Van Buren county, and James Hawkins and Reason Wilkerson, of Davis county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and establish a state road, beginning at Wood's Mill, in Van Buren county, thence on the nearest and best route, to Bloomfield, in Davis county.

SEC. 2. **When to meet—duties.** Said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at Wood's Mill, in Van Buren county, on the first Monday in May, or within sixty days thereafter, and proceed to lay out and establish said road, agreeably to the laws now in force on that subject.

SEC. 3. **Assistance—compensation.** Said commissioners shall take to their assistance a surveyor, and other necessary hands, and they shall receive such compensation, and in such manner as is provided by law.

Approved, February 18th, 1847.

CHAPTER 61.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

AN ACT to require certain officers to hold their offices at the county seats of their respective counties.

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

SECTION 1. **Offices at county seat.** That the clerks of the district courts, clerks of the board of county commissioners, county recorders and county treasurers, shall hold their offices and keep all books and papers appertaining to their said offices, at the county seats of their respective counties.