

of said county, as heretofore established, and running north on a line dividing range six and seven west of the fifth principal meridian, to the line dividing townships ninety-five and ninety-six; thence east, on said line, to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river; the east and south lines to remain as heretofore established.

**SEC. 2. Fayette county.** That the following shall constitute the boundaries of the county of Fayette, to wit: beginning at the southeast corner of township ninety-one north, range seven west of the fifth principal meridian; thence running west, on the line dividing townships ninety and ninety-one, to the line dividing range ten and eleven; thence north on said range line to the line dividing townships ninety-five and ninety-six north; thence east on said township line to the range line dividing ranges six and seven; thence south on said range line to the place of beginning.

Approved, February 3rd, 1847.

## CHAPTER 24.

### STATE ROAD.

AN ACT to locate a state road from Canton, in Jackson county, to Pioneer Grove, in Cedar county.

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

**SECTION 1. Commissioners appointed.** That Lyman Tuner, William S. Simpson and Orville Croakhite, of the county of Jones, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a state road from Canton, in Jackson county, by the way of Rome, Stewart's and Bodenhofer's, in Jones county, to a point where it intersects a territorial road leading to Ivanhoe, at or near Prior Scotts, in Pioneer Grove, Cedar county.

**SEC. 2. When to meet.** That said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at Canton, in Jackson county, on the third Monday in May, or within [38] thirty days thereafter, and proceed to lay out and establish said road according to law.

**SEC. 3. To employ surveyor, etc.—compensation—proviso.** Said commissioners shall take to their assistance a surveyor, and such hands as may be necessary; and said commissioners, and persons thus employed, shall receive such compensation as is allowed by law: provided, that no part of such expense shall be paid by either the counties of Cedar or Jackson.

Approved, February 3rd, 1847.

## CHAPTER 25.

### COUNTY SEAT OF JONES COUNTY.

AN ACT to provide for the location of the county seat in the county of Jones.

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

**SECTION 1. Decided by ballot—second election—third election—fourth election—how conducted.** That the legal voters of Jones county shall vote, at

the spring election of 1847, for such points in said county as they may deem proper; and if, upon canvassing the votes, it is ascertained that any one point has received a majority of votes over all others, then that point shall be and remain the permanent seat of justice of said county. But if no point shall receive such majority, then a special election shall be held, on the first Monday of the next month, in the several townships or precincts in the county, and the people shall there vote for the three points which received the highest number of votes at the last election; and if any point receives a majority of the votes over the other two points, it shall then be and remain the permanent seat of justice of said county; and if no point receives a majority of the voters over the other two, then there shall be held another election, as above, on the first Monday of the next month; and the vote shall be for the two points which received the highest number of votes at the last election; and the point receiving the highest number of votes, shall be and remain the permanent seat of justice of said Jones county. Said special election to be conducted and returns made as in regular elections.

**SEC. 2. Repealing section.** All acts and parts of acts coming in conflict with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

**SEC. 3. Take effect.** This act to take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa Standard and Iowa Capital Reporter.

Approved, February 3rd, 1847.

Published in the Standard February 10th, 1847, and in the Reporter, February 17th, 1847.

### [39] CHAPTER 26.

#### JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT to divide the state of Iowa into judicial districts.

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

**SECTION 1. Four judicial districts—first district—second district—third district—fourth district.** That the state is hereby divided into four judicial districts, as follows:

**First district—**The counties of Lee, Des Moines, Louisa, Washington and Henry.

**Second district—**Muscatine, Scott, Cedar, Clinton, Jackson, Jones, Dubuque, Delaware and Clayton, and the counties north and west of Delaware and Clayton shall be attached to the county of Clayton for judicial purposes.

**Third district—**Van Buren, Jefferson, Davis, Wapello, Keokuk, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, Appanoose, and the counties west of the counties of Marion, Monroe and Appanoose.

**Fourth district—**Johnson, Linn, Benton, Iowa, Poweshiek, Jasper, Polk, Dallas, Tama, Marshall, Story, Boone, and the counties west.

**SEC. 2. Publication and effect.** And be it further enacted, that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the weekly newspapers printed in Iowa City.

Approved, February 4th, 1847.

Published in the Standard and Reporter, February 10th, 1847.