

vided by law, and shall have full jurisdiction in all counties comprising said district and circuit prior to the passage of this act until the first day of January, A. D. 1877, after which time the jurisdiction of the judges of said fourth and fourteenth judicial districts and circuits shall extend to said districts and circuits as herein provided.

SEC. 5. On or before the first day of December, A. D. 1876, the judges of the fourth judicial district may, if they deem it necessary, make an order assigning terms of courts in said district for the year A. D. 1877, and in the fourteenth judicial district, terms of courts in the several counties shall remain as heretofore fixed until altered by the judges of said fourteenth district; and said judges shall, on or before the 15th day of January, A. D. 1877, fix terms of courts for the year 1877, to take effect at such date as they may order.

SEC. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 8, 1876.

CHAPTER 57.

INDEBTEDNESS OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

AN ACT To authorize Cities and Towns to Settle and Adjust certain Indebtedness, and to provide for payment of the same. [Additional to Code, Chapter 10, Title IV. "Of Cities and Incorporated Towns."] H. F. 136.

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

SECTION 1. That cities and towns are hereby authorized, upon such terms as they may deem just and for their best interest, to settle, adjust, renew or extend such indebtedness as may be owing by or claimed against them and evidenced by the bonds or other negotiable promissory instruments of such municipal corporation, and to issue new securities for such indebtedness, except as hereinafter mentioned.

SEC. 2 Said several corporations are hereby authorized, whenever any extension or renewal of such indebtedness is made, to provide for the payment of the interest and principal of such extended or renewed indebtedness, by the levy and collection of the necessary taxes, at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes; and the levy, collection and payment of such taxes may be enforced by proper legal process, when necessary, in addition to the ordinary means provided by law for the levy and collection of taxes.

SEC. 3. This act is intended to and shall apply only to the settlement, adjustment and extension or renewal of bonds and

Times of holding court in 4th district.

In 14th dist.

Repealing clause.

May settle and adjust indebtedness.

And issue new securities.

May levy special tax to pay principal and interest.

Not to apply to current expenses.

securities heretofore issued and outstanding at the time of this act, and not including warrants or other evidences of indebtedness issued or incurred for current expenses of such corporations.

New securities. SEC. 4. New bonds or securities issued by virtue hereof, shall in no case be for a greater sum than the principal and accrued interest unpaid on the bond or security for which such new bond or security may be given.

To take effect. SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the *Des Moines Daily Register*, *Daily Leader*, and *Staats Anzeiger*, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 8, 1876.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Leader*, March 11, *Iowa State Register*, March 14, and in the *Staats Anzeiger* March 16, 1876.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 58.

IN RELATION TO MAYORS.

H. F. 81. AN ACT to Amend Section 518 of the Code of 1873, Title IV, Chapter X, "of Cities and Incorporated Towns."

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

Code, § 518 repealed. SECTION 1. That section 518 of the Code of 1873, be and the same is hereby repealed, and there is enacted in lieu thereof the following, viz:

Election of mayor. Section 518. The mayor shall be elected biennially in cities of the first class, and annually in cities of the second class, by the qualified voters of the city.

Qualifications. He shall be a qualified elector and reside within the limits of the city, and shall hold his office for the term for which he shall have been elected and qualified.

Duties. He shall keep an office at some convenient place in the city, to be provided by the council, and shall keep the corporate seal of the city in his charge.

Same. He shall act as president of the city council, shall sign all commissions, licenses, and permits granted by the authority of the city council, and such other acts as by law or ordinance may require his certificate.

Approved March 8, 1876.