

## LAWS AND JOURNALS.

AN ACT regulating the publication and distribution of the laws and journals of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Iowa.

- Laws to be prepared for publication.** SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Territory to make an index and marginal notes to the acts and joint resolutions passed at the present session of the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible, and as early as convenient to furnish the Territorial printer with true copies of the said acts and joint resolutions, together with the index and marginal notes thereto, who shall thereupon proceed, without delay, agreeably to his contract, to print two thousand copies of the laws, to which shall be added joint resolutions, also the local acts passed by the Legislative Assembly as hereinafter mentioned, and when so printed, they shall by him be put up in half binding, and called "The Statute Laws of the Territory of Iowa." And there shall be prefixed to the volume of the acts a complete table of contents, the declaration of independence, articles of confederation and perpetual union, constitution of the United States, with the amendments thereto, the ordinance of congress, July 13, 1787, and the organic law, entitled, "An act to divide the Territory of Wisconsin, and to establish the Territorial Government of Iowa," approved, June 12, 1838.
- 2,000 copies to be printed.**
- What shall be prefixed to the acts.**
- Certificate to printer on delivery of the copies.** SEC. 2. So soon as the said printing shall be completed, and the copies delivered to the Secretary of the Territory, he shall give to said printer a certificate containing a detailed account of all the printing done by the said printer, together with the total amount due for the same, which shall be a sufficient voucher for said Secretary to audit and pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.
- To be sent into the several counties.** SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Territory is hereby required to contract with some suitable person, or persons, immediately after the printing in this act authorised to be done is completed, to convey and deliver the several volumes of the aforesaid acts, joint resolutions, and journals, to the clerk of the board of county commissioners, and take a receipt of the several clerks of the boards of county commissioners, who are authorised to receive the acts and journals aforesaid, setting forth that the proper

number of volumes of the acts and journals have been delivered in good order.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Territory to superintend the printing, in such manner as he may conceive most conducive to the public good, the acts and joint resolutions of the Legislative Assembly, and to correct the same by the enrolled bills in his office, and, when the printing of the same shall be finished, to certify the fact of his having compared and found the same correct; which certificate shall be signed and dated by the Secretary, and annexed in print to the volumes of the acts and joint resolutions as aforesaid; and the volumes containing the acts of a general and public nature shall be arranged under their proper heads, in alphabetical order, according to their subject matter.

Secretary to  
superintend  
printing.

SEC. 5. The other statute laws, not disposed of as aforesaid, shall be distributed as follows, to wit: To the counties of Lee, Van Buren, Henry, Des Moines, and Du Buque, each one hundred copies. To the counties of Scott, Jackson, Muscatine, Louisa, and Cedar, each seventy-five copies. To the counties of Clayton, Clinton, Jones, Johnson, Linn, Jefferson, and Slaughter, each sixty copies. And all counties attached for judicial purposes, twenty copies, to be deposited in the clerk's office of the counties to which they are attached.

No. of copies to  
each county.

SEC. 6. It shall further be the duty of the said Secretary of the Territory to deliver, or cause to be delivered, one copy of the aforesaid laws to each of the following named persons, to wit: the Governor of the territory, Judges of the Supreme court, Attorney General, and District Court of the United States, for said Territory.

Copy to the  
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Judges, &c.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the printer, authorized to print the journals of the House of Representatives, to print, under the direction of the chief clerk, three hundred copies, and it shall be the duty of the printer, authorized to print the journal of the Council, to print, under the direction of the Secretary of the Council, one hundred and fifty copies, which shall be distributed in equal proportions among the members of their respective houses, that is, to the members of each house its own journals; which said journals shall be delivered to the clerks of the several boards of county commissioners in the same way, time and place, that the aforesaid

Printing and  
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the journals.

**Copies of laws and journals to be reserved.** volumes of the acts are to be delivered, and the said clerks, on receipt thereof, shall deliver the same to the members for whom they are intended; and the Secretary of the Territory shall carefully reserve and file away, in his office, all the volumes of the statute laws and special acts, by this act directed to be printed, together with forty copies of the journals of the House of Representatives, and twenty copies of the journals of the Council, not otherwise disposed of by this act, to be disposed of by the Legislative Assembly as future circumstances may require.

**To whom the laws shall be distributed.** SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the clerks of the boards of county commissioners of the several counties in this Territory, upon application, to deliver to the different civil officers of his county, allowing each one copy of the statute laws, to wit: to every member of the Council and House of Representatives of the present Legislative Assembly, to the judge of probate, each recorder, public administrator, county commissioner, sheriff, coroner, each justice of the peace, county treasurer, county surveyor, each clerk of the district court, and clerk of the county commissioners, mayor of any incorporated city, and to all militia officers above the rank of lieutenant, three copies for the use of the district court, grand jury, and bar, and the surplus copies, if any, shall be by said clerk carefully filed in his office, and kept to be distributed as may be hereafter directed by law; and upon the delivery of the copy of the laws, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the clerk aforesaid to take a receipt for the same from such person, and file the same in his office, and in no case shall any person be entitled to more than one copy, although he may hold several offices.

**Clerks to take receipts.**

**When the volumes, thus delivered to county officers, to be returned.** SEC. 9. Upon the expiration of the term of service, resignation, or removal from office, of any county officer, it shall be his duty to return to the clerk of the county commissioners, for the use of his successor in office, the copy or copies of the laws of this Territory received by him in pursuance of this act, and in case of the death of any such officer, the said copy or copies of the laws shall be returned as aforesaid by his executors or administrators. If any such officer, his executors or administrators, shall refuse or neglect, for the space of three months after the happening of such vacancy as aforesaid, to return the said copy or copies of the laws to the clerk

of the said county commissioners as aforesaid, it shall then be the duty of said clerk to sue for the same, before any justice of the peace in said county, and he shall recover, for the use of said county, the sum of five dollars for each copy so detained, with costs of suit. No person, however, while he continues to hold any office which entitles its incumbent to a copy of the laws as aforesaid, shall be required to return his copy of the same as aforesaid.

SEC. 10. That the Secretary of the Territory be and he is hereby required to furnish the public printer with a copy of all the acts of Congress, now in force, relative to the naturalization of aliens, as soon as practicable, and that it shall be the duty of the printer aforesaid to publish the same, as an appendix, with the statutes of a public nature of the present Legislative Assembly.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

APPROVED, January 21, 1839.

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## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

AN ACT to district the Territory of Iowa into electoral districts, and to apportion the Representatives of each.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That the counties of Du Buque, Clayton, Fayette, Delaware, and Buchanan, shall form the first electoral district, and shall be entitled to three members of the House of Representatives; the county of Jackson shall form the second electoral district, and shall be entitled to one member of the House of Representatives; the counties of Clinton and Scott shall form the third electoral district, and shall be entitled to two members of the House of Representatives; the counties of Muscatine, Johnson, and Keokuck, shall form the fourth electoral district, and shall be entitled to two members of the House of Representatives; the counties of Cedar, Linn, Jones, and Benton, shall form the fifth electoral district, and shall be entitled to one member of the House of Representatives; the counties of Louisa and Slaughter shall form the sixth electoral district, and shall be entitled to two members of the House of Representatives; the counties