

may be redeemed in the same manner, and within the same period of time, as is or may be provided by law in case of real estate sold for any county taxes.

SEC. 17. This act may be altered, amended, or repealed, by any future legislature of this territory or state.

Approved January 14, 1840.

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[Chap. 53.]

AN ACT to provide for an extra session of the Legislative Assembly.

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That, for the purpose of apportioning the members of the council and house of representatives equally among the several counties of this territory, there shall be a special session of the legislative assembly, to commence on the second Monday in July next.

General election, when held.

SEC. 2. That the general election for this territory for the year eighteen hundred and forty, be held on the first Monday in October, but ever after on the first Monday of August, as provided for in the act regulating general elections.

[Presented to the governor on the 11th January, 1840, and having remained with the governor three days (Sundays excepted) the legislative assembly being in session, this bill became a law January 15, 1840.]

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[Chap. 54.]

AN ACT to prevent Frauds.

Parol leases to have effect of leases at will only.

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That all leases, estates, interest of freehold or term of years, or any uncertain interest of freehold or term of years, or any uncertain interest of in or out of any messuages, lands, tenements or hereditaments, made or created by livery and seizin only or by parol, and not put in writing and signed by the parties so making or creating the same, or their agents thereunto lawfully authorized by writing, shall have the force and effect of leases or estates at will only, and shall not, either in law or equity, be deemed or taken to have any other or greater force or effect, any consideration