

therefor, and serve in the same, whenever the whole term of his services in such companies computed together shall amount to seven years, he shall be exempt from military duty, in like manner, as if he had served the whole period in the company in which he was first enrolled.

**SEC. 4. Officers elected to hold their commissions during the pleasure of commander-in-chief.** And be it further enacted, that all officers hereafter elected or appointed, who shall willingly consent to such election or appointment, may hold such office during the pleasure of the commander-in-chief, unless removed by a legal court martial, but no such officer shall, under the provisions of this act, be entitled to resign his office until he has served at least two years from and after his election or appointment, and no resignation shall be accepted for a shorter term of service, without good cause shown to the satisfaction of the officer to whom such resignation shall be presented.

**SEC. 5.** All acts or parts of acts, which may conflict with this act is [are] hereby repealed.

Approved February 17, 1842.

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#### CHAPTER 115.

**AN ACT** relative to the survey of the town of Salem, in Muscatine county.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1.** That William Chambers, be and he is hereby authorized, to re-survey the north half of the town of Salem, in Muscatine county, and vacate the lots therein, in such manner as he may deem proper.

Approved February 17, 1842.

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#### [97] CHAPTER 116.

**AN ACT** to repeal an act to regulate the mode of petitioning the legislature in certain cases.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1.** That an act entitled an act, to regulate the mode of petitioning the legislature, in certain cases, approved January 25, 1839, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved February 17, 1842.

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#### CHAPTER 117.

**AN ACT** to locate and establish a territorial road, from Chas. Nealy's, in Muscatine county, to Iowa City, in Johnson county.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Names of commissioners to lay out a road—points—place and time of meeting.** That Charles Nealy, H. H. Winchester, and George Bum-

gardner, of Muscatine county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to lay out and establish a territorial road, to commence in the county of Muscatine, at or near the dwelling house of Charles Nealy; thence on the nearest and best route to Iowa City. Said commissioners, or any two of them, shall meet at the house of Charles Nealy, in Muscatine county, on the first Monday of June next, A. D. 1842, or at such other time during said year as they may agree upon, and proceed to locate said road, and one of the above named commissioners may act as surveyor.

**SEC. 2. Compensation.** That each of the commissioners named in this act, together with all other hands employed by them, shall receive such compensation for their services, as the county commissioners of Muscatine county may direct: provided, however, that no part of the expense created in locating said road, shall be paid by the counties of Louisa and Johnson.

**SEC. 3.** That the commissioners aforesaid, shall, in all other respects, be governed by an act for opening and regulating roads and highways, approved January 17, 1840.

Approved February 17, 1842.

## CHAPTER 118.

### AN ACT for the organization of townships.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Board of county commissioners to divide counties into townships.** That the board of county commissioners in each county, not yet divided into townships, shall as soon as they are of opinion that a majority of the people of the county desire it, proceed to divide the county into townships in the following manner: They shall divide the county into townships of such shape and size as the convenience and interests of the citizens may require, confer upon each township the name preferred by the inhabitants of the same, and appoint the place where the first meeting of the electors shall be holden. The clerk of the said board shall record the name of each township, the time when it was set off, and a particular description of its boundaries.

**SEC. 2. Townships when organized to be formed into bodies politic.** That the several townships which have been or may hereafter be organized, be and they are hereby formed into bodies politic and corporate, capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded in any court of law or equity in this territory.

**SEC. 3. Time and place of election to choose a chairman—electors to choose judges of election.** That the electors of each township, shall on the first Monday in April, annually, after the organization of the same, assemble at some place within the township at the hour of 10 a. m., and when eight or more electors shall have assembled, they shall elect from their number a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside over the meeting, and to direct any constable present to remove or arrest any disorderly person or persons, and if necessary to confine them until the close of the meeting, and it is hereby made the duty of such constable to obey such orders; said electors shall then proceed to elect by ballot three persons having the qualifications of electors as judges of the election, who shall appoint the necessary clerk, and take an oath or affirmation faithfully to discharge the duties of their office.