

CHAPTER 11.

JUSTICES AND CONSTABLES.

AN ACT to legalize the acts of justices of the peace and constables, in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. **Acts of justices and constables, when bonds given to township trustees, as valid as though given to the boards of commissioners, provided they qualified before township clerk.** That the acts of all justices of the peace and constables who may have given their bonds to the trustees of the several townships, and were qualified before the several township clerks, shall and are hereby declared as legal and valid as if said bonds had been given to the boards of the county commissioners, and as if they had been qualified before the several clerks of the district courts.

SEC. 2. **Time of taking effect.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 12th February, 1844.

CHAPTER 12.

POOR.

AN ACT amendatory of an act entitled, "An act for the relief of the poor," approved February 16, 1842.

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

SECTION 1. **County treasury to pay expenses of poor. County commissioners to audit and allow same.** That all the costs and expenses growing out [19] of any relief or support of the poor under the act to which this is amendatory, shall be paid from the county treasury of the county where such relief was furnished, and not from the township treasuries, as is by said act in some cases provided; and it is hereby made the duty of the county commissioners in each county to audit, allow and pay, all demands arising from such support or relief, as other claims against counties are audited, allowed and paid.

SEC. 2. **Time of taking effect.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 12th February, 1844.

CHAPTER 13.

DEEDS.

AN ACT to legalize deeds and other instruments of writing.

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

SECTION 1. **Instruments acknowledged before officer out of county where land lies declared valid.** That all deeds, mortgages, and other instruments of writing, heretofore made and executed, conveying or affecting real estate, either in law or equity, acknowledged or proved under an act entitled "An act to regulate conveyances," approved January 4th, 1840, before any justice of the peace or notary public of this territory, residing out of the county

where the real estate conveyed or affected by such deeds, mortgages or other instruments of writing, is situate, are hereby declared as good and valid in law and equity as if they had been acknowledged and proved before or by some court having a seal, some judge, justice, or clerk thereof; or some justice of the peace or notary public of the county in which the real estate so conveyed or affected was situate, in strict accordance with said act approved January 4th, 1840.

SEC. 2. **Time of taking effect.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 13th February, 1844.

[20] CHAPTER 14.

ELECTION DISTRICTS.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act districting the territory of Iowa into electoral districts," approved July 30, 1840.

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

SECTION 1. **Counties of Johnson and Muscatine the seventh district.** That the seventh electoral district be so amended as to read: "The counties of Muscatine and Johnson shall form the seventh electoral district, and shall be entitled to one member of the council, and one member each of the house of representatives."

SEC. 2. **Repealing clause.** That any act contravening the provisions of this act is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. **Time of taking effect.** This act to take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, 13th January, 1844.

CHAPTER 15.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled, "An act to provide for the election of justices of the peace, to prescribe their powers and duties, and to regulate their proceedings, approved February 9, 1843.

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

SECTION 1. **Van Buren township to be allowed three justices, one to reside in Keosauqua, and one west of Des Moines river—Salem township, Henry county, to have another, to reside in Washington.** That the township of Van Buren, in the county of Van Buren, shall hereafter be allowed three justices of the peace, two of whom are to be located as follows in said township, to wit: one shall be a citizen of and reside in the city of Keosauqua, and one shall be a citizen of and reside in that portion of said township which lies on the western side of the Des Moines river. Also, one additional justice of the peace in Salem township, Henry county, who shall reside in or near the town of Washington.

SEC. 2. **How said justices are to be elected.** That in electing justices of the peace and constables hereafter in said townships of Van Buren and Salem,