

LAWS OF IOWA

[1] CHAPTER 1.

ELECTION AND PAYMENT OF LEGISLATIVE DEBTS.

AN ACT to postpone the next annual election of members of the legislature, and to provide for the payment of legislative debts.

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

SECTION 1. Election postponed until April, 1845. That the time of holding the election for the members of the legislative assembly for the ensuing year, shall be changed from the first Monday in August next, to the first Monday in April next.

SEC. 2. Election entirely suspended in case congress change appropriation so as to pay arrearages—duty of secretary in such case. That, if before the fourth day of March next, congress shall transfer the appropriation made for defraying the expenses of the legislature for the ensuing year, so that it may be applied to the payment of the debts incurred by past legislatures for legislative expenses, and the overplus, if any, to the payment of the expenses of the convention to form a constitution of the future state of Iowa, the annual election of members of the legislature, for the ensuing year shall be entirely suspended; and it shall be the duty of the secretary to apply said appropriation as aforesaid as soon as congress shall authorize the same.

SEC. 3. If no change is made, election to be held in April—how conducted—twenty days notice sufficient. If congress shall not transfer said appropriation as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the proper officer to give the same notice of the said election to be holden on the first Monday in April next, as is already required by law in case of elections for members of the legis- [2] lative assembly. And the said election shall be conducted, in all respects, as far as practicable, as is now prescribed by law: provided, that twenty days notice of said election shall be deemed sufficient.

SEC. 4. Legislature to convene in May, 1845. That should the transfer of said appropriation not be made by congress as aforesaid, the legislative assembly shall convene and hold an annual session on the first Monday in May next.

SEC. 5. When to take effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 19th June, 1844.