

SEC. 8. Boone county. That the following shall be the boundaries of a new county, to be called Boone, to wit: beginning at the north-west corner of Story county; thence west, to the north-west corner of township 85, north, of range 28 west; thence south, to the south-west corner of township 82, north of range 28 west; thence east, to the south-west corner of Story county; thence north, to the place of beginning.

[75] **SEC. 9. Dallas county.** That the following shall be the boundaries of a new county to be called Dallas, to wit: beginning at the north-west corner of Polk county; thence west, to the north-west corner of township 81, north, of range 28 west; thence south, to the south-west corner of township 78, north, of range 28 west; thence east, to the south-west corner of Polk county, and thence north, to the place of beginning.

SEC. 10. Madison county. That the following shall be the boundaries of a new county, to be called Madison, to wit: beginning at the north-west corner of Warren county; thence west to the north-west corner of township 77, north of range 29 west; thence south, to the south-west corner of township 74, north of range 29 west; thence east, to the south-east corner of township 74, north of range 26 west; thence north, to the place of beginning.

SEC. 11. Clarke county. The following shall be the boundaries of a new county, to be called Clarke, to wit: beginning at the north-west corner of Lucas county; thence west, to the north-west corner of township 73, north, of range 29 west; thence south, to the south-west corner of township 71, north of range 29 west; thence east to the south-west corner of Lucas county, and thence north to the place of beginning.

SEC. 12. Decatur county. The following shall be the boundaries of a new county, to be called Decatur, to wit: beginning at the north-west corner of Wayne county; thence west, to the north-west corner of township 70, north, of range 27 west; thence south, to the north boundary of the state of Missouri; thence east, to the south-west corner of Wayne county, and thence north, to the place of beginning.

SEC. 13. Act in force from passage. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 13th, 1846.

CHAPTER 83.

NEW COUNTIES.

AN ACT supplemental to an act, to establish new counties and define their boundaries.

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

SECTION 1. Boundaries of Jasper altered and defined. That the following shall be the boundaries of the county of Jasper, to-wit: beginning at the north-east corner of [76] township number 81, north, of range number 17 west; thence west to the north-west corner of township number 81, north of range number 21 west; thence south, to the south-west corner of township number 78, north, of range number 21 west; thence east, to the south-east corner of township number 78, north, of range number 17 west; thence to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. Boundaries of Polk altered and defined. The following shall be the boundaries of Polk county, to-wit:—beginning at the north-east corner of

township 81, north, of range 22 west; thence west, to the north-west corner of township 81, north of range 25 west; thence south to the south-west corner of township 77, north, of range 22 west; and thence north, to the place of beginning.

SEC. 3. Boundaries of Dallas altered and defined. The following shall be the boundaries of Dallas county, to-wit:—beginning at the north-west corner of Polk county; thence west on the line dividing townships 81 and 82, to the north-west corner of township 81, north, of range 29 west; thence south to the south-west corner of township number 78, north, of range 29 west; thence east, to the south-east corner of township 78, north, of range number 26 west; and thence north, to the place of beginning; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 4. In force from passage. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 17th, 1846.

CHAPTER 84.

DUBUQUE COUNTY.

AN ACT to provide for an expression of opinion of the citizens of Dubuque county, for and against township organization.

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

SECTION 1. Electors to vote for or against townships. That on the first Monday of April next, at the several places of holding elections in the county of Dubuque, there shall be opened a poll, by the judges of said election, for the purpose of receiving votes for and against township organization; and it is hereby made the duty of said judges to interrogate each qualified elector of said county, whether he is in favor of, or against township organization, and the said judges shall write in separate columns, opposite each elector's name, the vote given for and against such organization, as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. Duty of the judges of election, in April. Said judges shall make out and certify the number of votes received for and against township organization, and shall transmit the same to the clerk of the board of county commissioners, whose duty it shall be to examine, as other election returns, and publish the number of votes, for and against such organization in a newspaper in the county of Dubuque. If a majority of the votes polled in said county, shall be in favor of township organization, then such organization shall be in force, agreeably to the present law, regulating township organization; but if the whole number of votes polled at said election, should be against township organization, then the county shall be divided into precincts, as it was prior to the passage of the law, providing for township organization; but nothing herein contained, shall be so construed as to prevent the county commissioners from altering the precincts previously established, or establishing new ones to suit the convenience of the public, in case township organization should be voted down: provided however, that nothing in this act shall prevent the election of township officers according to law, on said first Monday of April, and if a majority of said votes polled at said election, should be against township organization, then there shall be held on the first Monday of May, a special election for precinct officers, ac-