

CHAPTER 81.

DISTRICT COURTS.

AN ACT fixing the terms of the district courts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the district courts shall be held as follows:

In the First District.

Lee. In the county of Lee, at Keokuk, on the last Monday in January, and fourth Monday in September: at Fort Madison, on the first Monday in April, and second Monday in November.

Des Moines. In Des Moines, on the fourth Monday in April and October.

Louisa. In Louisa, on the first Monday in March and September.

Henry. In Henry, on the third Monday in March and September.

SEC. 2. *In the Second District.*

Cedar. In the county of Cedar, on the third Mondays in April and September.

Jones. In the county of Jones, on the fourth Mondays in April and September.

Buchanan. In the county of Buchanan, on Friday after the fourth Monday in April.

Delaware. In the county of Delaware, on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in April.

Clayton. In the county of Clayton, on Thursday following the spring court in Delaware, and on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in September.

[109] **Dubuque.** In the county of Dubuque, on the second Monday after the fourth Monday in April and September.

Jackson. In the county of Jackson, on the third Monday after the fourth Monday in April and September.

Clinton. In the county of Clinton, on the fourth Monday after the fourth Monday in April and September.

Scott. In the county of Scott, on the fifth Monday after the fourth Monday in April and September.

Muscatine. In the county of Muscatine, on the sixth Monday after the fourth Monday in April and September.

Fayette, Winnesheik, and Alamahee. In the county of Fayette, Winnesheik, and Alamahee, at such times as may be appointed by the judge of said district.

SEC. 3. *In the Third District.*

Van Buren. In Van Buren, on the Monday next before the last Monday in February, and on the first Monday in September.

Davis. In Davis, on the first Monday in March, and third Monday in September.

Jefferson. In Jefferson, on the second Monday in March, and third Monday after the fourth Monday in September.

Mahaska. In Mahaska, on the third Monday in March, and first Monday after the fourth Monday in September.

Keokuk. In Keokuk, on the fourth Monday in March, and second Monday after the fourth Monday in September.

Wapello. In Wapello, on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in March, and on the fourth Monday in September.

Hour of opening court. The hour for opening court, on the first day of each term, in the third district, shall be two o'clock in the afternoon.

SEC. 4. *In the Fourth District.*

Washington. In Washington, on the second Monday in March, and fourth Monday in September.

Johnson. In Johnson, on the third Monday in March, and first Monday in September.

Linn. In Linn, on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in March, and on the second Monday in September.

Benton. In Benton, on the second Monday after the fourth Monday in March.

Iowa. In Iowa, on the third Monday after the fourth Monday in March.

Poweshiek. In Poweshiek, on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in September.

[110] SEC. 5. *In the Fifth District.*

Polk. In Polk, on the first Monday in May and September.

Appanoose. In Appanoose, on the second Monday in May and September.

Monroe. In Monroe, on the Thursday next after the second Monday in May and September.

Marion. In Marion, on the third Monday in May and September.

Warren. In Warren, on the fourth Monday in May and September.

Madison. In Madison, on the Thursday next after the fourth Monday in May and September.

Dallas. In Dallas, on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in May and September.

Jasper. In Jasper, on the second Monday after the fourth Monday in May and September.

New counties—judge to appoint. In any new county, organized, or to be organized, in said district; at such times and places as the judge of the district shall appoint, until further provided for.

SEC. 6. **Return of writs and pending suits.** All matters pending in or returnable to the terms heretofore fixed by law, shall be deemed pending in and returnable to the terms hereby appointed.

SEC. 7. **Judge power to change the day of commencement and hold special terms.** The judges shall have power to change the regular terms, from the days appointed by law, to other days; to appoint and hold special terms

of court; to order venires for grand and petit juries for said adjourned and special terms; and to try civil, criminal, and chancery business thereat

SEC. 8. **Take effect.** This act to take effect from and after its passage and shall be published immediately in the Iowa Capital Reporter, Miners' Express, and Des Moines Courier.

Approved January 15, 1849.

Published in the Iowa Capital Reporter, Jan. 17, 1849, Miners' Express, ——— Des Moines Courier ———.

CHAPTER. 82.

COUNTY SEAT.

AN ACT to provide for the location of the county seat of Benton county.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. **Election to be held—second election to be held in August.** That the legal voters of Benton county shall vote, at the next April [111] election, for such points in said county as they may deem proper, and if upon canvassing the votes, it is ascertained that any one point has received a majority of votes over all others, then the point receiving such majority shall be and remain the permanent seat of justice of said Benton county; but if no point shall receive such majority, then and in that case the said legal voters of said county shall vote for the two points receiving the highest number of votes, at the said April election, at the next August election, and the point receiving the highest number of votes, at said August election, shall be and remain the permanent seat of justice of said Benton county.

SEC. 2. **Elections to be conducted as other elections are.** The elections herein provided for shall be conducted according to the laws regulating general elections, and the board of canvassers shall make out a list of the number of votes polled for each point, and certify the same to the clerk of the board of county commissioners of said county, and said clerk shall record the same at length in the records of said board.

SEC. 3. **Take effect.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa Capital Reporter and Iowa Republican.

Approved, January 15, 1849.

Published in the Reporter and Republican of Jan. 31st, 1849.

CHAPTER 83.

JUSTICE OF PEACE.

AN ACT providing for the election of an additional justice of the peace in Montrose township, in Lee county.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. **Authorized to elect justice of the peace.** That the qualified electors of Montrose township, in Lee county, be and they are hereby authorized to elect one additional justice of the peace in said township.