

In Dallas county, on the third Monday in September.

In Madison county, on the fourth Monday in September.

In Warren county, on the first Monday after the fourth Monday in September.

In Monroe county, on the first Monday in May; and the second Monday after the fourth Monday in September.

In Appanoose county on the second Monday in May; and the third Monday after the fourth Monday in September.

In Jasper county, on the fourth Monday in May.

In Boone county, on the first Monday in October.

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. 3. Returns. All matters pending in or returnable to the terms here- [169] tofore fixed by law shall be deemed pending in and returnable to the terms hereby appointed.

SEC. 4. 6th district—Pottawattamie—Fremont—new counties. In the sixth district:

In Pottawattamie county, on the first Monday in May; and the first Monday in October.

In Fremont county, on the third Monday in May; and the third Monday in October.

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

SEC. 5. Take effect. This act to take effect from and after its publication in the "Iowa Star" and "Des Moines Republic."

Approved, February 5, 1851.

Published in the "Iowa Star" Feb. 13th, and the "Des Moines Republic" February 20th, 1851.

CHAPTER 69.

SWAMP LANDS.

AN ACT in relation to the swamp lands within the state of Iowa.

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

SECTION 1. Commissioner to secure swamp lands. That the commissioner of the state land office is authorized to take such steps as he thinks necessary, in order to secure to the state, the swamp lands granted by the act of congress of the 28th of September, 1850, entitled "An act to enable the state of Arkansas and other states, to reclaim the swamp lands within their limits."

SEC. 2. Commissioner to direct county surveyor to examine, etc. For this purpose the commissioner when he has reason to believe there is any tract of swamp land within this state not reported as such by the United States surveyor, sufficient to justify a more particular examination, he shall direct the county surveyor of any county, in which said lands may be located, to make the examination, and provide the proofs necessary to secure such lands to the state, a list of which [170] shall be returned to the land commissioner, or the authority acting in that capacity, verified by affidavit, for which services the surveyor is entitled to two dollars per day for each and every

day actually employed; and for the purposes of this act, any unorganized county attached to another for election purposes in which an election precinct is organized, is declared to be a part of such organized county.

SEC. 3. Duties devolve on the governor. Previous to the election and qualification of the commissioner of the land office, the duties above prescribed shall devolve upon the governor, whose duty it shall be to procure from the surveyor general's office a list of the lands returned to that office as swamp lands, and take other steps in the premises as in his opinion are necessary to secure the best interests of this state.

SEC. 4. Compensation how paid. All compensation for services rendered, or expenses incurred, in carrying out the provisions of this act, must be made out of the proceeds of the sales of the said swamp lands.

SEC. 5. Surveyor may contract for levies, etc. Subject to the approval of the governor, the county surveyor is authorized to contract with individuals or companies for making the levies or drains necessary to reclaim any of the swamp lands of the state, by giving them a portion of the lands thus reclaimed or a portion of the proceeds thereof.

SEC. 6. Commissioner may dispose of lands. The commissioner may dispose of any of the swamp lands of the state, for such price as he may think them worth, as herein provided; for the purpose of ascertaining said value, the county surveyor and sheriff in any county in which such lands are located, may upon the direction of the commissioner, appraise such lands in such manner as the school lands are now appraised, for which they are to receive a sum not exceeding two dollars per day each, for all the time actually and necessarily expended in making examination and appraisal.

SEC. 7. Proceeds. The proceeds of the sales of such lands after paying all expenses incurred in selecting, appraising, selling and reclaiming such lands as are deemed worthy of reclaiming, shall be paid into the state treasury, subject to the disposition of the general assembly.

SEC. 8. Take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and [171] after its publication in the "Iowa Capital Reporter" and "Iowa City Republican."

Approved, February 5th, 1851.

Published in the "Iowa Republican" February 19th, and "Iowa Capital Reporter," Feb. 26th, 1851.

CHAPTER 70.

AGRICULTURE.

AN ACT for the encouragement of agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. Agricultural society entitled to money out of state treasury. That every incorporated county agricultural society now existing or hereafter to be organized according to law within this state, as soon as it raises an amount not less than twenty-five dollars, to be expended by such society for the encouragement of agriculture, will be entitled to a like amount out of the state treasury. But not more than fifty dollars in any one year shall be paid to the same society.