

CHAPTER 227.

CHANGE OF VENUE.

AN ACT regulating changes of venue in criminal cases.

Cause for the change. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That no person shall be entitled to change of venue in any criminal case pending in the district courts of this State, where the ground of the application is the alleged excitement and prejudice of the people, unless the facts constituting such ground are sworn to by three disinterested persons in addition to the applicant himself.

May allege. SEC. 2. The application need not set up a statement of the facts upon which the affiants base their belief of excitement and prejudice, but may allege the same in general terms.

Testimony. The court may, in the exercise of a sound discretion, hear additional testimony from either the defendants or the State, by affidavit or otherwise, and after being fully advised, shall decide the application according to the very right of the matter.

Exceptions. SEC. 3. The court shall, if the defendant demand it in case his application be over-ruled, grant a bill of exception to defendant, which bill shall embrace all the evidence produced before the court, on hearing of such application.

SEC. 4. All acts and parts of acts coming in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. This act to be in force from and after its publication according to law.

Approved January 29, 1857.

CHAPTER 228.

COUNTY JUDGES.

AN ACT further defining the duties of county judges.

Transmit the names of officers. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the county judges of the several coun-

ties of this State are hereby required to furnish the Secretary of State the names by the first day of April A. D. 1857, of each county judge, clerk of the district court, treasurer and recorder, prosecuting attorney, sheriff and school fund commissioner, in their counties respectively, designating the office to which each is elected, and the date of the expiration of their said office, and also to report in like manner, and from all county officers hereafter elected or appointed, within ten days after their election and qualification, to said Secretary of State.

SEC. 2. It is hereby made the duty of the Secretary of Record. State to procure a suitable book, at the expense of the State, in which he shall record the name, the office and term of each officer so reported, as contemplated in the first section of this act.

SEC. 3. This act to take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa City Republican and Iowa Capital Reporter.

Approved January 29, 1857.

I certify the foregoing act was published in the Iowa City Republican, Feb. 26, 1857.

ELIJAH SELLS,
Secy of State.

CHAPTER 229.

CHANGE OF NAME.

AN ACT to change the name of Newcastle to Webster City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the* Change. *State of Iowa,* That the name of the town of New Castle, in Hamilton county, Iowa, be, and the same is hereby changed to that of Webster City.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication according to law.

Approved January 29, 1857.