

AN ACT to establish the county of Richland.

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

Boundary of
county.

§ 1. That all the district of [country] lying within the following described limits, viz: commencing at the Wisconsin river, where the line between the ranges of two and three east, of the fourth principal meridian, crosses said river, thence along said line to the northern boundary of township twelve; thence west, along said line, until it intersects with the western line of range two west, of the fourth principal meridian; thence south, along said line, to the main channel of the Wisconsin river; thence up the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning, shall be and the same is hereby constituted a separate county, by the name of Richland.

Attached to Iowa
county.

§ 2. The said county of Richland is hereby attached, temporarily, to the county of Iowa, for all county and judicial purposes; and the county commissioners of the county of Iowa are hereby required to cause the assessors in said county of Iowa to assess and include in their assessment roll, all of the real and personal property of the inhabitants of said county of Richland, which may by law be assessed in the county of Crawford; and make return thereof as required by law, which property shall be subject to be taxed at the same rate which property in the county of Iowa is taxed, and collected in the manner provided by law.

Assessors of
Iowa county to
assess property

How taxed.

Commissioners
to locate seat of
justice.

§ 3. That Abner Nichols, James Murphy and John Ray, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate the county seat of said county; in which location they will have due regard to the present as well as the probable future population of said county; said location to be made at or near the centre of said county, or on the Wisconsin river, as may seem most advantageous. And should the location be made on public land, the said county commissioners of Iowa county are hereby authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to secure to the county of Richland the right of pre-emption, as provided by an act of Congress, approved May 26, 1824, entitled "An act granting to the

counties or parishes of each state and territory of the United States in which the public lands are situated; the right of pre-emption to quarter sections of lands for seats of justice within the same;" and they are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of two hundred dollars, at a rate of interest not exceeding ten per cent per annum, for a period not exceeding five years, for the purchase of one hundred and sixty acres of land under the provision of said pre-emption law above referred to, and may mortgage said land for the payment of said money so borrowed. May borrow money.

§ 4. That should the said commissioners be unable to find a suitable tract of public land on which to locate said county seat, they are hereby authorized to make the location on individual property: *Provided*, the proprietor or proprietors shall convey in fee simple, free of expenses, to the county commissioners of Iowa county, in trust for said county of Richland, every fourth lot in any town which may be laid out as the said seat of justice for the said county of Richland: *Provided, further*, that the whole number of lots so ceded to said county shall not exceed thirty acres. May purchase land for county seat.
Lots to be donated to the county.

§ 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED, February 18, 1842.

AN ACT declaratory of an act entitled "An act prescribing the terms of office of certain county officers, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin, as follows:

§ 1. The several county officers elected at the last general election, under the provisions of the act of which this is declaratory, are hereby constituted and declared to be in office from the first Monday of January, 1842, during the term for which they were severally elected, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. Term of office.

§ 2. No act performed or to be performed by any of said officers, shall be deemed invalid by the reason that the act under which they were severally elected did not take effect until the day on which the last general election took place. Acts of officers legalized.

§ 3. This act shall not be so construed as to affect the tenure of office of those officers elected or to be elected in pursuance of other acts. Not to effect other acts.