

## AN ACT to organize the County of Washington for Judicial purposes.

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

When organized.

SECTION 1. That from and after the second Tuesday of April next, the county of Washington shall be organized for Judicial purposes and shall enjoy all the privileges of the counties of this Territory; it shall form a part of the third Judicial district, and the courts therein shall be held by the Judge of said district.

Proceedings in Milwaukee county to be prosecuted to a final judgment.

SEC. 2. All writs, process, appeals, recognizances, or other proceedings commenced in the district court of Milwaukee county prior to the second Tuesday of April next, shall be prosecuted to final judgment, and execution issued thereon in the same manner they might or could have been, had this act not passed, and execution on any judgment heretofore rendered in said court shall have the like force and effect, and may be executed and returned by the sheriff of Milwaukee county; any thing in any law of this Territory to the contrary notwithstanding.

Election for Sheriff, when held.

SEC. 3. The election of sheriff for said county shall be held on the first Tuesday of April next at the places in the several precincts at which the last general election was held, and thereafter at the time prescribed by law, and the returns of said election shall be made to the clerk of the board of county Commissioners as now prescribed for other elections; and he shall proceed to canvass the same as the law requires.

Commissioners to provide rooms for holding district court. *Provided.*

SEC. 4. The county Commissioners of said county shall provide suitable rooms for holding the sessions of the district court, at such place or places in said county as they may deem most convenient for its inhabitants; *Provided however,* That the first term of said court to be held in said county, shall be held at the school house at the county seat of said county, and unless the county commissioners shall deem it proper to change the place of holding said court, and shall file in the office of the clerk of the district court of said county, at least sixty days before a session of said court, their order to that effect, naming the place selected by them for that purpose, which said place or places whenever the said district court may be held, shall be deemed for all intents and purposes the court house of said county for the time being, then the said terms of the said court shall be continued to be held

at the county seat until the county commissioners shall determine otherwise, as herein provided; And *provided further*, That the county commissioners of said county are restricted from expending any sum exceeding fifty dollars per year, for the fitting, renting, or use of any building to be used as a court house aforesaid; And *provided also*, That no public buildings of any kind, except a poor house, shall be constructed at the expense of the county by said commissioners, until they shall be authorized so to do by law.

Sec. 5. It shall and may be lawful for the county officers to keep their offices at their residences in any part of the county.

Sec. 6. The first term of said court shall be held on the second Tuesday of September 1845: after which the regular terms of said court shall be held on the last Tuesday of March, and second Tuesday of September in each year.

Sec. 7. Only one half the percentage provided by law to be paid by Washington county, to the county of Milwaukee, as an attached county for Judicial purposes shall be required to be paid from the taxes of 1844.

Sec. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED, February 20, 1845.

## AN ACT relating to School District Number One in the town of Southport.

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

SECTION. 1. That the inhabitants of school district No. one in the town of Southport, and all such inhabitants as may hereafter be included in said district No. one, by an extension of the boundaries thereof, who are qualified by law to vote at any district school meeting, shall be authorized to levy a tax not exceeding two thousand dollars in any one year, for the purpose of building a school house and the necessary fixtures and appendages thereto, and for keeping the same in repair; and for the payment of the wages of teachers, and for the providing of fuel; for the purchase of all needful apparatus for the use of said school; and for defraying the necessary incidental expenses for keeping the school in operation.