

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

APPROVED February 15th, 1845.

AN ACT to authorize the voters of Brown county to change the system of their county government.

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

SECTION. 1. That the voters of Brown county, qualified by law to vote at town meeting, may at the next annual town meeting in said county vote "for county government" or "against county government." Form of government to be determined by vote.

Sec. 2. The clerk of each town in said county, shall, within twenty days after said town meeting, file with the clerk of the board of supervisors of said county a certified statement of the number of votes cast in said town for and against county government as aforesaid. Votes how returned.

Sec. 3. The clerk of the board of supervisors of said county, together with any two justices of the peace whom he may call to his aid, shall, as soon as said statements are filed, canvass said votes, and give notice of the result thereof in a newspaper in said county, if there shall be one, and if not, by posting written notices in three public places. By whom canvassed. Result to be published.

Sec. 4. If a majority of the votes cast upon that question, shall be "for county government," then the said voters of said county shall at the annual election in September next, elect three county commissioners, and other county officers, such as are elected in Iowa county, and other counties where the county system of government is now in force. County "commissioners when elected.

Sec. 5. Said commissioners and other officers thus elected shall enter upon the duties of their office on the first Monday of January next, and from and after the day before the first Monday of January next, the [act] entitled "an act to provide for the government of the several towns in this Territory, and for the revision of county government," and all acts and parts of acts relating to said town When county officers to enter upon their duties.

**Town system
who to cease.** system of government, shall cease and be of no effect in said county of Brown, and all acts and parts of acts relating to that system of government in which county commissioners have the control of county affairs, instead of supervisors, shall be revived and in full force in the said county of Brown from and after the day before the first Monday of January next; *Provided*, A majority of votes be cast as aforesaid.

Proviso.

**Notice of elec-
tion.** SEC. 6. The clerk of the board of supervisors shall put up notices for the election of said county officers, and perform every other duty necessary to carry this act into effect.

SEC. 7. It shall not be lawful to elect two county commissioners in any one year, who shall reside within the limits of any one town as at present organized.

**Books, papers,
&c. to be de-
livered to clerk
of commis-
sioners.** SEC. 8. If the votes shall be for county government as aforesaid, then, on the first Monday of January next, the clerk of the board of supervisors shall deliver over to the clerk of the board of commissioners all papers, books and instruments in his office and custody, and the clerks of the different towns in the said county shall on the day last aforesaid, deposite in the office of said clerk of [the] board of commissioners, all the papers and records in their respective offices. The records of said town clerks, and of said clerks of the board of supervisors shall continue to be evidence as heretofore.

**Town busi-
ness when to
be closed up.** SEC. 9. If the vote on said question shall be for county government, the several towns in said county and all the officers thereof shall close up all their business as such town or officers before the first day of January next.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED, February 22, 1845.