

CHAPTER 211.

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AN ACT to organize the county of Ashland.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1. So much of the present county of La Pointe as is situated south and east of the following described lines, to wit: Beginning at the south-west corner of township number forty-five, of range number nine west, and running thence east, on the township line between townships numbers forty-four and forty-five, to the range line between ranges numbers five and six west, thence north, on said range line, to the township line between townships numbers forty-nine and fifty, thence east, on said township line, to the center of the channel known as the Bay of La Pointe, thence northerly, following the center of the water course between the main land and the Apostle islands, to the State line, is hereby organized into a separate county, to be known by the name of Ashland.

SEC. 2. The said county of Ashland is hereby erected, established, and organized, with all the rights and privileges, both for governmental and judicial purposes, as is by law granted to other counties in this State. And the county court of the county, erected by this act, shall have jurisdiction to hear, try, and determine, all cases arising in such county, in law or equity, in the same manner, and for like amount, as is now had by the county court of La Pointe county, and the same rules of procedure, in such trials or causes, and the several powers, rights, and duties, already conferred upon the county court of La Pointe county, are hereby declared to be in full force, effect and power, in the county court created for the county created by this act; and the county court of said county of Ashland shall have the like officers, so far as the same are necessary, who shall perform the like duties as now provided for the county court of La Pointe county; and all the like powers, acts, duties, and responsibilities, necessary to carry on said county court of La Pointe county, are hereby fully conferred upon the said county court of Ashland county.

SEC. 3. That on the first Tuesday in June, A. D. 1860, the electors resident in said new county, shall meet

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in their respective towns and precincts, at the usual places for holding elections, and then and there proceed to elect all and every of the county officers provided by law for county government, which said officers shall hold their office, when duly qualified, until the expiration of **Terms.** the time of similar officers in other counties.

SEC. 4. The returns of said election for county officers shall be returned to, and canvassed by, the town **Returns made and canvassed** board of supervisors elect of the town of Bay Port, in the same manner as by boards of county canvassers; and all oaths of office, and official bonds of said county officers, shall be filed in the office of the town clerk of said town of Bay Port; and that the official bonds of said **Bonds of officers.** county officers shall be approved by the chairman of the board of supervisors of the said town of Bay Port.

SEC. 5. The village of Ashland is hereby declared to **County seat.** be the county seat of the said county of Ashland. The circuit court of the eighth judicial circuit of Wisconsin **Circuit court.** shall hold its session at the county seat of Ashland, commencing on the second Monday in February, and the second Monday in August in each year.

SEC. 6. All of the territory forming a part of the present towns of La Pointe and Bay Port, and which lies to the north and west of the dividing line, as set forth in this act, (being the county line between the county of La Pointe and the county of Ashland), is hereby detached from the towns of La Pointe and Bay Port, respectively, and attached to the town of Bayfield. And all of the territory south of township number forty-five, and which may now belong to the towns of Bayfield or La Pointe, is hereby detached from said town or towns and attached to the town of Bay Port, to all intents, and for all purposes whatsoever. **Division of towns.**

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the election and qualification of the county officers, as hereinbefore provided.

Approved March 27, 1860.