

An Act to permanently locate the County Seat of Bad Ax County.

Chap 313

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

SECTION 1. The qualified electors of the county of Bad Ax shall be and are hereby authorized to vote for the permanent location of the county seat of said county, at an election hereby authorized to be held therein on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of May, 1852, and polls shall be opened at the usual places of holding elections, which shall be conducted in the same manner as is provided by law for conducting general elections. Special election

SEC. 2. The sheriff of said county shall give at least ten days' notice of said election by posting or causing to be posted three written or printed notices, in public places in the vicinity of each place where the polls are to be held; which notices shall state the object and the time and place of holding the same; and the affidavit of the person or persons posting the same shall be filed with the clerk of the board of supervisors previous to the canvass by the board of county canvassers. Sheriff to give notice.

SEC. 3. It shall be competent and lawful for each qualified elector as specified in the first section of this act, to vote at said election for such place as he may think proper to designate, for the permanent county seat of said county; each ballot to contain the words written or printed, or partly written and partly printed "For permanent county seat" (naming the place) and no vote shall be thrown out by the inspectors for any irregularity, if the intention of the elector is clearly specified. Form of ballot.

SEC. 4. The votes given at such election shall be canvassed by the inspectors, and returned as provided by law to the clerk of the board of supervisors, within one week from the time of holding said election. How canvassed

SEC. 5. On the Tuesday next succeeding the election, the board of county canvassers, as chosen under the provisions of law, shall meet at the office of the clerk of the board of supervisors of said county, and proceed to make an estimate and statement of the votes cast, as follows: they shall make duplicate statements, written out in words at length of the whole number of votes given at said election, and the names of the places voted for, for county seat, and the number of votes each said place received, which said statement shall be certified as correct, and attested by the signatures of the said county canvassers, one of which statements shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the board of supervisors and recorded in a To make statement.

suitable book provided for that purpose, and the other shall forthwith be forwarded to the secretary of state, to be by him filed in his office, and the said secretary shall forthwith publish in the newspaper in which the laws of the state are officially published, a certified copy of such statement. If it shall appear from the statement so made, that any one place has received a majority of all the votes cast at such election, then such place shall be deemed and declared to be the permanent county seat of said county.

**Second election.** SEC. 6. If, upon canvassing the votes as provided for in the preceding section of this act, it shall appear that no place has received a majority of all the votes cast, then a new election for choosing a location for permanent county seat shall be held on Tuesday, the twenty-ninth day of June, A. D. 1852; and the sheriff shall cause like notice to be given of the election so ordered, and proof of the posting up of such notices shall be made as is provided in section two of this act; which notices shall also contain the further statement of the names of the two places having the highest number of votes for permanent county seat at the preceding election, and no vote cast at such second election shall be counted unless it designate the name of one of the two places having the highest number of votes at the previous election.

**How canvassed.** SEC. 7. The votes cast at such second election shall be canvassed by the inspectors and returned to the clerk of the board of supervisors within one week after such election, and on the Tuesday next succeeding such election, they shall be opened by the county canvassers, and duplicate statements thereof made, and a certified copy of such statement shall be published by the secretary of state, as provided in section five, and the place having the highest number of votes at such election, shall be deemed and declared to be the permanent county seat of said county.

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

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*Speaker of the Assembly.*

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