

AN ACT to abolish certain offices therein named.

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

Commissioners
to appoint at-
torneys.

§ 1. That the office of district attorney is hereby abolished; and the board of county commissioners, or board of supervisors of the several counties in the territory are hereby authorized and required, from time to time, to employ some capable attorney or attorneys, within their respective counties, who shall perform all the duties now devolving by law upon district attorneys, for which the person or persons so employed shall receive such compensation as the said boards of commissioners or supervisors may determine: *Provided*, that the fees now allowed by law to district attorneys shall be taxed in favor of, and paid into, the county treasury.

Fees.

§ 2. That so much of an act of the statutes of the territory entitled "an act concerning the attorney general and district attorneys," as provided that the attorney general shall receive a yearly salary of two hundred and fifty dollars, is hereby repealed; and the attorney general shall hereafter receive such compensation for his services as the legislative assembly may think proper.

Attorney Gen-
eral, pay of

Proviso.

§ 3. This act shall not be so construed as to repeal the present law in relation to district attorneys, until the boards of county commissioners or supervisors shall have appointed some person or persons in their respective counties to discharge the duties of such office.

April 15, 1843—On re-consideration the bill was passed—the ayes being 10; the noes 2.

JOHN P. SHELDON, Secretary of Council.

Re-considered, and approved by the house of representatives; April 17, 1843—17 member voting for, and 8 against, the bill—and the house consisting of twenty-five members.

JOHN CATLIN, Chief Clerk.

AN ACT to legalize certain township elections, and the official acts of township officers elected in April, 1842.

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

Elections and
official acts le-
galized.

§ 1. That the elections held on the first Tuesday in April, A. D. 1842, in the several towns in the counties which have adopted

and are governed by the provisions of "an act to provide for the government of the several towns in this territory, and for the revision of county government," approved February 18, 1841, shall not be deemed invalid by reason of any informality in conducting said elections, or in the qualifying of any of the officers so elected, or who conducted any of said elections; but the said elections, and the official acts of the several officers elected in said towns are hereby declared to be legal and valid.

APPROVED, April 1, 1843.

AN ACT to provide for punishing the crime of embezzlement by public officers.

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

§ 1. That if any collector or treasurer of any town or county, or incorporate city, town, or village, or the treasurer or other disbursing officer of the territory, or any other person holding an office under any law of this territory, or any incorporated company, who now is, by virtue of his office, or shall hereafter be, intrusted with the collection, safe keeping, receipt, transfer, or disbursement of any tax, revenue, fine, or other money, shall convert to his own use, in any way or manner whatever, any part thereof, or shall loan, with or without interest, any portion of the money intrusted to him as aforesaid; or who shall wilfully neglect or refuse to pay over the same, or any part thereof, according to the provisions of law, so that he shall not be able to meet the demands of any person lawfully demanding the same, whether such demand be made before or after the expiration of his office, he shall be deemed and adjudged to be guilty of an embezzlement of so much of the said moneys as shall be thus taken, converted, used, loaned, or retained; which is hereby declared to be a felony. Officers liable.

§ 2. That any person who shall be guilty of embezzling any money prohibited by this act, not exceeding in amount the sum of one hundred dollars, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in the county jail, not less than three nor over twelve months; and any person who shall be convicted of embezzling a greater sum than one hundred dollars, shall be punished by imprisonment, in the state prison, not more than three years, nor less than one year, and by a fine, in each case, of twice the amount so embezzled; and if the court cannot determine, from the Imprisonment.