

## AN ACT

## To amend the election laws concerning justices of the peace, and for other purposes.

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

Notices to be put up when new precinct established.

SECTION 1. Whenever an election precinct in those counties under the county system of government shall be altered, divided, or a new precinct created, it shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of county commissioners of the proper county to issue three notices to such precinct, and deliver the same to the sheriff, whose duty it shall be, within ten days after receiving said notices, to post them up in three of the most public places in such precinct.

Justices to hold for the term for which they were elected.

SEC. 2. Whenever a precinct is thus divided, altered, or a new one created, the justices of the peace and constables in office at the time of such division, alteration, or creation shall continue to hold their office for the term or terms for which they were severally elected; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of the board of commissioners to insert in said notices the prescribed boundaries of said precinct, the number of justices or additional justices and constables to which such precinct may be entitled, and to designate a day in such notices upon which an election may be held to fill such vacancies; and the said notices shall be posted up at least twenty days preceding such election; and the said election may be held together with any other general or special election, if any should occur; and the said election shall be within ninety days from the passage of this act, or from such alteration, division, or creation.

Concerning notices and elections to be held.

Who to canvass votes.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the judges of elections of such precinct to receive, canvass, and return the votes, as they are now required by the law regulating general elections: *Provided*, that if there be no such judges, or they are

absent, that the legal voters present may elect, *vice. voce*, a sufficient number of judges to conduct such election.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the district court in those counties that have adopted the provisions of the act entitled "An act to provide for the government of the several towns in this territory, and for the revision of county government," whenever any justice of the peace within his county shall resign, to give notice of such resignation as soon as may be to the clerk of the town in which such justice resides.

WILLIAM SHEW,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

MASON C. DARLING,  
*President of the Council.*

APPROVED, January 25, 1847.

HENRY DODGE.

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## AN ACT

To amend an act entitled "an act to provide for and regulate general elections.

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

SECTION 1. That it shall be the duty of the clerks of the boards of county commissioners in the several counties in this territory, after canvassing the votes of any general election, to include in the abstract of votes for county officers, the votes cast for school commissioners, and the clerks shall, at the time they are required by law to make out certificates for county officers, make out (free of charge to the person or

Clerk of county commissioners to give certificates of election.