

AN ACT to organize the County of Portage.

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

County organ-
ized. § 1. That the county of Portage shall be and the same is hereby declared to be an organized county, and as such the inhabitants thereof shall have, possess and enjoy, all the rights, privileges and immunities which are possessed and enjoyed by the inhabitants of other counties of the Territory organized for all purposes whatever.

Attached to 2d
judicial dis-
trict. § 2. Said county shall compose a part of the second judicial district, and courts shall be held therein, to the exclusion of the jurisdiction heretofore exercised by the district court of Dane county, and all suits, recognizances, appeals, writs, process or proceedings, commenced, taken or had, in and to the district court of Dane county before the time when the act takes effect, shall be heard, prosecuted and determined in the same manner and with like effect as if this act had not been passed.

Process &c.
Election for
sheriff when
held. § 3. The first election of sheriff of said county shall be held on the fourth Monday of September next, and thereafter at the time and in the manner now prescribed by law, and the term of office of the person elected at such first election shall expire on the last day of December, A. D. 1846.

Terms of
courts when
held. § 4. The terms of the District Court in and for said county, shall be held on the first Monday of April, and on the fifth Monday after the fourth Monday of September, in each year, by the Judge of the second Judicial District.

To vote for or
against organ-
ization. § 5. That the legal voters in said county of Portage, at a special election to be held on the first Monday of April next, may vote "yea" or "nay" in favor or against the adoption of this act, and if a majority of the votes cast upon the said question, shall be "yea," then this act shall take effect on and after the fourth Monday of September next, but if a majority of said votes shall be "nay," then this act shall be void, and of no force or effect. The said election shall be conducted, and the votes received, returned and canvassed in the same manner as provided by law, for the election of county officers.

Election how
conducted. § 6. That the legal voters in the said county of

Portage, shall also, at the said special election, vote for the place within said county, which in their opinion should be the county seat thereof, and the place receiving the greatest number of votes in its favour for that purpose, shall be and is hereby declared to be the county seat of the said county. The votes to be received, returned and canvassed in the same manner provided in the preceeding section for the reception, return and canvass of the votes in favor or against the adoption of this act: *Provided* that this section shall have no effect, unless the majority of the votes cast upon the question of organization, shall be in the affirmative.

To vote for
county seat.

How canvass-
sed and re-
turned.

APPROVED, January 31, 1844.

AN ACT to enable school district number four in the town of Janesville to lay a tax for the purpose of building or purchasing a school House.

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

§ 1. The inhabitants of school district number four in the town of Janesville, in the county of Rock, who are by law qualified to vote at a district meeting, may vote to lay a tax on the property in said district to the amount of three hundred and sixty-five dollars for the purpose of erecting or purchasing a school house in said district.

Who may vote
to raise Tax.

§ 2. The said tax shall be levied on all the property in said district real and personal except such as is by law exempt from execution, and except such as is owned by the said county of Rock.

§ 4. In case the said inhabitants shall vote to lay said tax, it shall be lawful for the trustees of said district to assess said tax in manner as above provided, and the collector of said district shall proceed to collect said tax as is provided by law for the collection of taxes levied for the erection of School Houses.

Tax how as-
sessed.

§ 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED, December 27, 1843.