

town or ward lines, to consist of contiguous territory, and to be in as compact a form as practicable.

SEC. 2. The last clause of section five of said article, is hereby so amended as to read as follows: The senate districts shall be numbered in regular series. The senators chosen by the present odd numbered districts, in the year 1854, shall hold their offices until the last day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six. Senate districts.

The senators chosen by the present even numbered districts, in the year 1855, shall hold their offices until the last day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight. Thereafter, senators shall be chosen for the term of four years; but the legislature at any new apportionment, shall so classify the senators to be elected from any additional senate districts which may be formed, that the term of office of all senators elected from even numbered districts, shall expire at the same time, and the term of office of all those elected from odd numbered districts, shall expire at the same time.

SEC. 3. Section 11 is hereby so amended as to read as follows: The legislature shall meet at the seat of government, once in two years, and not oftener, unless convened by the Governor. Legislature to meet once in two years.

SEC. 4. This act is hereby referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election, and shall be published at least three months prior to the said general election, in the manner prescribed by law for the publication of session laws. Notice to be published.

SEC. 5. The first session of the legislature, after the ratification of this act as provided for in article 12, of the Constitution, shall be held in the year 1855.

Approved, June 6, 1853.

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An act to repeal certain acts giving to Corporations or Companies, the right to take, use or occupy, School, University or State Lands, without just compensation therefor. Chap 96.

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

SECTION 1. All such parts and provisions of any acts or laws of this State, as give to any person, company or corporation, the right to take, use or occupy any school, university or state lands, or any timber gravel or other material thereon, without just compensation therefor, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. The commissioners of the school and university lands, shall have power to grant to any railroad company, any land belonging to the people of this State, which may be required for the purposes of their road, on such terms as may be agreed upon by them; and if any land belonging to the State, is required by any company, for the purposes of a railroad, the said commissioners may grant such land to such company, upon such terms and for such compensation as may be agreed upon.

Approved, June 6, 1853.

Chap. 97.

An act to amend section 137 of chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and thirty seven, of chapter ten of the Revised Statutes, is hereby so amended as to read as follows:

Every sheriff, clerk of the circuit court, register of deeds, county treasurer and clerk of the board of supervisors, shall keep his office at the seat of justice of his county, and in the office provided by the county, if any such has been provided; and if there be none established, then at such place as shall be fixed by special provision of law; or if there be no such provision, then at such place as the county board of supervisors shall direct; and shall keep the same open during the usual business hours each day, Sundays excepted; and all books and papers, required to be kept in their office, shall be open for the examination of any person, and any person when so examining the same, may take notes from such books, records or papers or take minutes therefrom; and if any of said officers shall neglect or refuse to comply with the provisions of this section, he shall forfeit, for each day he shall so neglect or refuse to comply with the same, the sum of five dollars.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in full force, from and after publication.

Approved, June 30, 1853.

Chap. 98.

An act to incorporate an association, for the completion of the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers.

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

SECTION 1. Mason C. Darling, Otto Tank, Morgan L.