

a proper charge against the state, and the expenses for maintaining persons charged with offences, and duly committed for trial, and of those who are sentenced to confinement in the county jail, or who may be committed for the non-payment of any fines, and expenses for safe keeping all prisoners in said jail, shall be paid out of the treasury of the county; the accounts of the keeper being first allowed by the board of the county supervisors. ^{Proviso.}
Provided, That the state or any county shall never pay more than two and a half dollars per week for the support of any person confined as aforesaid.

§ 2. All acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

§ 3. This act shall take effect from and after its publication.

Approved, February 11, 1854.

Chap. 13.

AN ACT to divide the sixth Judicial Circuit and organize an eighth Judicial Circuit, and to fix the time for holding the Circuit Courts in the Counties of the respective circuits.

Published, March 6, 1854.

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

§ 1. From and after the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, all that portion of this state included within the counties of Chippewa, Dunn, Pierce, St. Croix, Polk, LaPointe, and Douglass, shall constitute and be a separate judicial circuit, to be known and designated as the eighth judicial circuit; and all that portion of this state included in the counties of Crawford, Bad Ax, LaCrosse, Monroe, Jackson, Clark, Trempealeau and Buffalo, shall continue to be the sixth judicial circuit.

Eighth Judicial Circuit, how constituted.

§ 2. The terms of the circuit court in the several coun-

**Terms of Court
when holden.**

ties of the eighth judicial circuit after its organization, shall be holden at the times following, to wit :

In the county of St. Croix on the fourth Monday of April and fourth Monday of October of each year.

In the county of Pierce on the fourth Monday of March and fourth Monday of September of each year.

In the county of Polk on the second Monday of April and second Monday of October of each year.

In the county of Chippewa on the second Monday of March and the second Monday of September of each year. The county of Dunn shall be attached to the county of Chippewa for judicial purposes.

In the county of Lapointe on the first Monday of February and the first Monday of August of each year.

In the county of Douglass on the third Monday of February and the third Monday of August of each year.

**Time of holding
election.**

§ 3. An election shall be holden in said eighth judicial circuit for the election of a judge of the circuit court thereof, in the several counties and precincts, on the fourth Monday of September next; such election shall be conducted and the votes canvassed in the same manner as at general elections for state and county officers. The inspectors or judges of said election shall make returns thereof to the clerk of the board of supervisors of their respective counties, immediately after the same are canvassed, and the said clerks of the board of county supervisors shall file the same in their offices, and forthwith transmit a copy thereof to the governor of this state.

**Canvassing re-
turns.**

§ 4. On the first Monday of November next, the governor, with the secretary of state and treasurer, shall proceed to canvass said returns; and the person having the highest number of votes for said office, cast in said circuit shall be the judge elect of said eighth judicial circuit, and the governor shall transmit to the person so elected a certificate of his election under the seal of the state; and in case there shall be a tie, the governor shall forthwith proclaim the fact and order a new election in said circuit.

In case of tie.

Oath of Judge.

§ 5. The judge elect, before he enters on the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: "I, _____, do solemnly swear, (or affirm as the case may be,) that I will support the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the state of Wisconsin, and that I will administer justice without respect to persons, and will faithfully and impartially

discharge the duties of the office of judge of the circuit court of the state of Wisconsin, according to the best of my ability." Such oath or affirmation shall be duly certified by the officer administering the same, and by said judge filed in the office of the secretary of state.

§ 6. Said judge shall enter upon the duties of his office on the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and shall hold his office for the term of six years, and until his successor is elected and qualified. He shall have all powers and jurisdiction conferred upon other judges of the circuit court of this state, and shall perform like duties, receive like compensation, and have the same rights and privileges.

When judge shall enter upon his term of office.

Powers and duties.

§ 7. From and after the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, the circuit court for the sixth judicial circuit shall be holden at the times and places as follows:

Time and places of holding court how regulated for 1855.

In the county of Crawford on the first Monday of March and the first Monday of September, in each year.

In the county of Bad Ax on the third Monday of March and the third Monday of September in each year.

In the county of Monroe on the fourth Monday of March and the fourth Monday of September of each year.

In the county of Jackson on the first Monday of April and the first Monday of October of each year. And the county of Clark shall be and is hereby attached to county of Jackson for judicial purposes.

In the county of LaCrosse on the second Monday of April and second Monday of September of each year.

In the county of Trempe a l'eau on the fourth Monday of April and fourth Monday of October of each year.

In the county of Buffalo on the first Monday after the fourth Monday of April and the first Monday after the fourth Monday of October in each year.

§ 8. The circuit court in and for the county of Crawford shall be holden on the second Monday of May, instead of the fourth Monday of March, as now required by law for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four; and all writs, process, indictments, appeals, recognizances, or other proceedings whatsoever, made returnable to said March term of said court, and all adjournments, appearances, continuances, motions, and notices of any proceedings in the circuit court of the said county of Crawford, made or

Change in the county of Crawford.

taken to the said March term, shall be held to be to the May term aforesaid.

Time and place
of holding court
in 1854.

§ 9. The circuit court for the sixth judicial circuit for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, shall be holden at the times and places following, to wit:

In the county of Crawford on the second Monday of May and fourth Monday of September.

In the county of Bad Ax on the second Monday of March and second Monday of September.

In the county of Chippewa on the fourth Monday of February and fourth Monday of August.

In the county of Jackson on the fourth Monday of March and the fifth Monday of October.

In the county of LaCrosse on the second Monday of April and the second Monday of October.

In the county of Buffalo on the third Monday of April and third Monday of October.

In the county of St. Croix on the fourth Monday of April and the fourth Monday of October.

In the county of Pierce on the fourth Monday of May and the second Monday of November.

In the county of Polk on the third Monday in May and the third Monday in November.

In the county of LaPointe on the first Monday of August.

In the county of Douglass on the second Monday of August.

In the county of Monroe on the third Monday of September.

Special terms.

§ 10. The judges of the sixth and eighth judicial circuits shall not be required to hold a special term of the circuit court in each county within their respective circuits, in each year, unless such judge shall be satisfied that there is official business for him to dispose of, necessary to be done; and that such special term will not interfere with the duties of his holding stated terms of the circuit court in such circuit; but said judges of the sixth or eighth circuit may hold a special term or an extra jury term of such court, agreeably to the provisions of the fourth and fifth sections of chapter eighty-three (83) of the revised statutes, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

§ 11. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication; and the secretary of state shall forthwith transmit by mail a printed copy of this act to each of the clerks of the circuit courts within the organized counties mentioned in this act.

Approved, February 17, 1854.

Chap. 14.

AN ACT to organize the County of Oconto for Judicial Purposes.

Published, April 21, 1854.

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

§ 1. From and after the fourth day of July next, the county of Oconto shall be fully organized for judicial purposes, and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges appertaining to other counties so organized in this state. When organized.

§ 2. Said county of Oconto shall be and hereby is constituted a part of the fourth judicial circuit, and two terms of the said court shall be holden annually in said county, at the county seat thereof, to wit: on second Monday of July and the second Monday of January annually. There shall be four terms of the county court annually, to wit: On the first Monday in February, May, August and November. Terms of court when held.

§ 3. All writs shall issue and be made returnable as required by law in other counties, and all laws now in force applicable to the summoning and empannelling of jurors, shall be applicable to and be in force in the said county of Oconto. Laws concerning writs &c., applicable to Oconto Co.

§ 4. The qualified electors of said county shall on the second Tuesday in June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, elect a sheriff, clerk of the court, and register of deeds, clerk of the board of supervisors, and county treasurer, who shall hold their offices until the first day of January, First election of officers.