

Organizations  
not in force de-  
clared void.

SECTION 2. Any organization of a town, or towns, heretofore made of [by] any county board of supervisors, that has not taken effect at the time of the passage and publication of this act, not made in accordance with this act, shall be void and of no effect; *provided*, that the provisions of this act shall not apply to the counties of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Juneau, Marathon, Oconto, Polk, and Shawano.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 4, 1876.

## CHAPTER 111.

[Published March 4, 1876.]

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and forty-seven of private and local laws of 1869, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Grand Rapids."

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

Amended.

City officers.

SECTION 1. Section one of sub-chapter two of chapter 247 of the private and local laws of 1869, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Grand Rapids," is hereby amended by striking out of the ninth line of said section the word "first," and inserting in the place thereof the word "third," so that said section, when amended, will read as follows: Section 1. The elective officers of said city shall be a mayor, a treasurer, a marshal, one police justice, and one assessor, for the city at large, two aldermen and one justice of the peace for each ward, which said officers shall hold their respective offices as follows: The mayor, treasurer, assessors and marshal for one year; the aldermen, police justice and justices of the peace, for two years; the term of office shall commence on the first Monday next after their election. Each of said officers shall continue in office for his respective term, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and shall have such powers and perform such duties as are prescribed in this act, or as may be prescribed in any ordinance of said city, not inconsistent with this act,

or which may not be incompatible with the nature of their respective offices.

SECTION 2. Section two of said sub-chapter and chapter is hereby amended by striking from the twenty-sixth line of said section two, the words "second Tuesday of April," and inserting in the placethereof the words "first Tuesday in March of each year," so that said section two when amended, will read as follows: Section 2. On the 1st Tuesday of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, or at such time within forty days thereafter as the supervisors of the town of Grand Rapids shall appoint, the qualified voters of said city shall elect one mayor, one treasurer, one assessor, one police justice, one marshal, which said officers shall be qualified voters, resident in said city; and on the same day and at the same place of holding said elections, the said qualified electors shall also elect two aldermen and one justice of the peace for each ward. The aforesaid officers shall be residents of their respective wards, for which they are elected. At the first election of said city it shall be held at such place in each of the several wards as the board of supervisors of the town of Grand Rapids shall previously designate by posting notices in each of said wards. The voters present shall have power to proceed by nomination and viva voce election of three inspectors and two clerks, whose duties shall be (after being sworn by any officer competent to administer an oath by the laws of this state) to see that said election shall be conducted in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and any fraud or violation of said laws at such election shall be punishable as any violation of the election laws in any part of said state; and at every subsequent first Tuesday in March, elections shall be held in the several wards for the officers to be elected in that year; and said election shall be presided over by the aldermen in the respective wards; or in case of their absence or disability, the voters present at the hour of opening the polls shall elect by viva voce a sufficient number of inspectors to make three, with the alderman or aldermen present, who shall be sworn in accordance with the laws of the state. They shall appoint and swear two clerks, and shall see the names of the voters registered and the ballots safely deposited in the ballot box; shall decide all questions that may arise as to the legality of the votes presented; shall count the ballots at the close of the polls, and shall

Amended.

Election of city officers.

certify and seal two returns, and the day following the election, shall direct and return one of said returns to the clerk of the city council, and the other to the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county of Wood. The mayor of the city, and such members of the common council as shall hold over, shall constitute a board of canvassers, who shall, within three days after the election, meet at the common council chamber and canvass such returns; and after the aforesaid returns have been canvassed by said board, the mayor shall notify by a certificate, the persons elected to the respective offices. The returns of the first election shall be made to the clerk of the town of Grand Rapids, who, with the chairman of the board of supervisors and one justice of the peace, shall certify to and notify the officers elected. The polls shall be kept open in the respective wards from one o'clock until five in the afternoon.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 4, 1876.

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## CHAPTER 112.

[Published March 7, 1876.]

AN ACT to reconstruct the Eleventh judicial circuit, and fix the time of holding the terms thereof.

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

Change of  
boundary.

SECTION 1. The counties of Chippewa and Barron, after the first day of March, in the year 1876, shall be taken from and detached from the Eighth judicial circuit, and shall thereafter be annexed to, and constitute and be a part of the Eleventh judicial circuit.

General terms  
—when held.

SECTION 2. The general terms of the circuit court for the Eleventh judicial circuit, shall be as follows: In the county of Ashland, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of January, and the third Monday of July in each year; in the county of Barron, on the fourth Monday of March, and the first Monday of September, in each year; in the county of Bayfield, on the first Tuesday after the second Monday of July, and the second Monday of January, in each year; in