

AN ACT to amend the election law concerning justices of the peace, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:

Vacancies
how filled.

SECTION 1. That when any vacancy shall happen in the office of justice of the peace, in any town or precinct, in any county in this Territory, by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, the town clerk of the town where such vacancy shall happen, in those counties governed by town government, shall order a special election to be held in said town to fill such vacancy. The clerk of the district court in those counties governed by county government, shall notify the clerk of the board of county commissioners of any vacancy that may happen in the office of justice of the peace in his county, and in what precinct such vacancy has happened; upon receiving such notice, the clerk of the board of county commissioners shall order a special election to be held in such precinct to fill such vacancy, and hereafter all resignations of justices of the peace shall be made to and filed in the office of [the] clerk of the district court; the notices shall be given for such special election, and the election held and returns made according to the provisions of the act to which this is amendatory.

Governor to
appoint sheriff
in certain cases.

SEC. 2. That when any vacancy shall happen in the office of sheriff, the clerk of the district court of the proper county shall immediately notify the Governor of this Territory of the same, who shall appoint some suitable person to fill said office, who shall hold the same until the next annual election and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. When any chairman of the board of town supervisors shall for any cause be unable to attend a meeting of the county board, he shall appoint one of his associate supervisors to act as chairman during such inability and shall give him a certificate of his appointment, setting forth the cause of such inability, and such certificate shall authorize the supervisor so appointed for the time being, to perform all the duties of chairman of the board of town supervisors during such inability.

Chairman of
supervisors to
appoint substitute.

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