

No. 63.

AN ACT to regulate and define the duties of the county officers in this territory.

Sheriff and deputy to hold their offices at county seat.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin,* That the sheriff or under sheriff, of the several counties in this territory, be, and they are hereby required, to reside or hold their offices at the county seat, in their respective counties, or at the place where the district court is usually held.

Clerks also.

SECTION 2. That the clerks or their deputies, of the several district courts in this territory, shall reside and hold their offices at the seat of justice in their respective counties, or at the place where the district court is usually held.

Clerk's liability.

SECTION 3. That if any suits should be lost or thrown out of court in consequence of neglect or carelessness of any clerk or his deputy, said clerk shall be liable to the party losing the same, with all costs and damages that may accrue, in consequence of such negligence, before any court having jurisdiction of the same.

Other officers to reside at the county seat.

SECTION 4. That the judges of probate, the register of deeds, and the county treasurers in the several counties in this territory, shall keep their offices at the county seat, in their respective counties, or at the place where the district court is usually held.

SECTION 5. That the clerk or his deputy of the board of county commissioners, in the several counties in this territory, shall reside at the county seat in their respective counties or at the place where the county commissioners usually transact business.

Penalty.

SECTION 6. That if any of said officers fail to comply with the provisions of this act, on conviction thereof, before any justice of the peace of the proper county, he shall be fined in a sum not to exceed fifty dollars for every such offense.

SECTION 7. This act to take effect from and after the first Monday in April next.

Approved Jan. 17, 1838.