

arms and other
officers.

assistant doorkeeper, and messenger of the two Houses respectively, each four dollars per day, for each days actual attendance upon the session;

to be certified in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

Compensation
-how certified.

SEC. 2. The compensation as provided in the foregoing section, when due to the officers of the Council, shall be certified by the president thereof, and attested by the secretary; and the compensation that may be due to the officers of the House of Representatives, shall be certified by the speaker thereof, and attested by the chief clerk; which certificates, when made out as aforesaid, shall be sufficient evidence to the secretary of the territory, or the fiscal officer, appointed by the Legislative Assembly, of each person's claim, and upon which he is authorised to make payment.

How paid.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, January 23d, 1841.

No. 21.

AN ACT to prescribe the number, duties and compensation of the officers of the Legislative Assembly, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:

The number of
officers of the
legislative as-
sembly.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Council, shall consist of a president (who shall be a member of said body,) a secretary, a doorkeeper, (who shall also perform the duty of sergeant-at-arms,) a messenger and two transcribing clerks; and the officers of the House of Representatives, of a speaker, (who shall be a member of said body) a chief clerk, a doorkeeper, (who shall perform the duty of sergeant-at-arms) an assistant doorkeeper, a messenger and two transcribing clerks: one of said clerks in each of the Houses may be required by the secretary or clerk to perform the duties of assistant.

SEC. 2. The election of the said officers shall be by ballot of the respective Houses at the opening of each session of the Legislative Assembly: *Provided*, That the secretary of the Council and the chief clerk of the House, shall be elected annually at the commencement of the regular annual sessions of the Legislature. In all cases of elections under this section, it shall require a majority of the votes given, to determine a choice.

How & when to be elected.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the Council, and chief clerk of the House, to keep correct journals of the proceedings of their respective Houses, to have the custody of all records, accounts and other papers committed to them, and generally to perform such other duties, as shall be assigned them by their respective Houses. It shall also be the duty of the said secretary and chief clerk, to prepare for publication, at the close of each session, the journals of their respective Houses, and to affix an index thereto; for which service they shall be allowed such compensation, as the Legislative Assembly may from time to time determine.

Duties of the secretary and chief clerk.

SEC. 4. The duties of the remaining officers, hereinbefore named, shall be the same as are prescribed in the standing rules of the Houses respectively from time to time.

Of the remaining officers.

SEC. 5. The officers thus elected shall, before entering upon the performance of their duties, severally take an oath to support the constitution of the United States and the laws of the territory, and faithfully and truly to discharge their respective duties in office.

Shall take an oath.

SEC. 6. There shall be allowed, to be paid out of the fund annually appropriated by Congress for the expenses of the Legislative Assembly:

Compensation allowed to the secretary and clerk.

To the secretary of the Council and the chief clerk of the House, each five dollars per day:

To the doorkeeper and assistant doorkeeper and messengers, each two dollars and fifty cents per day:

To the doorkeepers and messengers.

And to the transcribing clerks, each three dollars per day for each day's actual attendance upon the sessions, to be certified in the manner hereinafter prescribed: *Provided*, That no additional pay shall be allowed to the president

To the transcribing clerks.

of the Council, nor to the speaker of the House of Representatives, for the performance of the duties of their respective offices.

SEC. 7. The compensation as prescribed in the foregoing section, when due to the officers of the Council, shall be certified by the president thereof, and attested by the secretary; and the compensation, that may be due to the officers of the House of Representatives, shall be certified by the speaker thereof and attested by the chief clerk; which said certificates, when made out as aforesaid, shall be sufficient evidence to the secretary of the territory, or the fiscal officer appointed by the Legislative Assembly, of each person's claim.

SEC. 8. It shall also be the duty of the said secretary and chief clerk, at the opening of every session of the Legislative Assembly, to make a correct roll of the members of their Houses respectively, to whom certificates of election have been issued in accordance to law; which certificates shall be taken and filed by said secretary and chief clerk.

SEC. 9. At twelve o'clock meridian, on the day appointed by law for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly, the said secretary and chief clerk, or in the absence of either, then some member or other person appointed by the members present, shall call the members of their respective Houses so enrolled, to order, when the Houses respectively may proceed to the election of a president and speaker.

SEC. 10. The secretary of the Council, and the chief clerk of the House, in office on the last day of the present session, shall continue in office, until the organization of the next regular annual session of the Legislature.

Approved, January 23d, 1841.

Compensation when due, how certified.

Secretary and chief clerk to make roll of members.

Houses called to order—by whom.

Present secretary and clerk, how long to hold their offices.