

## An Act to provide for the division and alteration of towns.

Chap. 94. *The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. No town in any county in this State, with an area of six miles square, or less, shall be divided, or have any part stricken therefrom, without submitting the question to a vote of the legal voters of the town. Nor unless a majority of all the legal voters residing in such town, shall vote for the same.

What towns subject to division.

SEC. 2. When thirty or more freeholders, residents of any town, shall apply to the county Board of Supervisors for a division of such town, the Supervisors at the next annual town meeting, held for the election of town officers, shall submit the question to a vote of the legal voters of such town; the ballots shall contain the words, (written or printed, or partly written or printed) "for division," or the words "against division," and if the majority of votes cast on the subject, be for division, the Supervisors are hereby authorized to divide such town; but if a majority of votes cast on that subject, be against division, the town shall not be divided: *Provided*, That no application shall be acted upon by any Board of Supervisors, as hereinbefore provided, unless it contains the names of at least one-third of the voters of the town proposed to be divided; to be determined by the vote at the last general election in said town.

Question of division to be submitted to the people.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. All acts or parts of acts, that conflict with the provisions of this act, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force, from and after its passage.

Approved, June 6, 1853.

## An act to amend article four of the Constitution.

Chap. 95. *The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section four of article four of the Constitution, is hereby so amended as to read as follows: The members of assembly shall be chosen biennially by single districts, on Tuesday next succeeding the first Monday of November, by the qualified electors of the several districts; such districts to be bounded by county, precinct,

How members of assembly chosen.

town or ward lines, to consist of contiguous territory, and to be in as compact a form as practicable.

SEC. 2. The last clause of section five of said article, is hereby so amended as to read as follows: The senate districts shall be numbered in regular series. The senators chosen by the present odd numbered districts, in the year 1854, shall hold their offices until the last day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six. Senate districts.

The senators chosen by the present even numbered districts, in the year 1855, shall hold their offices until the last day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight. Thereafter, senators shall be chosen for the term of four years; but the legislature at any new apportionment, shall so classify the senators to be elected from any additional senate districts which may be formed, that the term of office of all senators elected from even numbered districts, shall expire at the same time, and the term of office of all those elected from odd numbered districts, shall expire at the same time.

SEC. 3. Section 11 is hereby so amended as to read as follows: The legislature shall meet at the seat of government, once in two years, and not oftener, unless convened by the Governor. Legislature to meet once in two years.

SEC. 4. This act is hereby referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election, and shall be published at least three months prior to the said general election, in the manner prescribed by law for the publication of session laws. Notice to be published.

SEC. 5. The first session of the legislature, after the ratification of this act as provided for in article 12, of the Constitution, shall be held in the year 1855.

Approved, June 6, 1853.

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An act to repeal certain acts giving to Corporations or Companies, the right to take, use or occupy, School, University or State Lands, without just compensation therefor. Chap 96.

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

SECTION 1. All such parts and provisions of any acts or laws of this State, as give to any person, company or corporation, the right to take, use or occupy any school, university or state lands, or any timber gravel or other material thereon, without just compensation therefor, are hereby repealed.