

A bill for an act to establish the counties of Menard,
Logan and Dane —

Sec. 1st Be it enacted by the People of the state of
Illinois represented in the General Assembly that all
that tract of country lying within the following boundaries
to wit; Beginning at the North West corner of Section
Twentyseven in Township Seventeen North of Range Eight
West of the Third Principal Meridian; thence East to
the centre of the Southern boundary of Section Twenty-
four, in Township Seventeen North of Range Seven West;
thence North to the middle of the Northern boundary of
said section; thence East to the middle of the Northern
boundary of Section Nineteen in Township Seventeen North
of Range Six West; thence North to the centre of
Section Eighteen, Township and Range last aforesaid; thence
East to the middle of the Eastern boundary line of said
section; thence North to the channel of Rock Creek; thence
down the channel of Rock Creek to where the Northern
boundary line of Section Nine, Township and Range last
aforesaid, crosses the same; thence East to the South
West corner of Section Two, Township & Range last aforesaid;
thence North to the South East corner of Section Twentyseven
in Township Eighteen North, Range aforesaid; thence East
to the South East corner of Section Thirty in Township Eight-
teen North Range Four West; thence North to the South East
corner of Section Eighteen of in Township Nineteen North
Range last aforesaid; thence West to the line between Ranges
Four & Five; thence North to the Northern boundary line of Sen-
gamon county; thence West with said line to the Illinois river;
thence with the present boundary line of Sangamon county to
the place of beginning, shall form and constitute the county of
Menard —

Sec. 2nd That all that tract of country lying within the fol-

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Following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at the North West corner of Township Twenty North of Range Four West; thence South to the South West corner of Section Eighteen, in Township Nineteen North of Range aforesaid; thence East one mile; thence South to the South East corner of the County of Menard; thence East to the line dividing Ranges Three and Four; thence South to the South West corner of Section Seventh Township Seventeen North of Range Three West; thence East to the Eastern boundary line of Sangamon County; thence with the present boundary lines of Sangamon County to the place of beginning shall constitute the county of Logan.

Sec: 3rd That all that tract of country lying within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning where the Third Principal Meridian crosses the North Fork of the Sangamon river; thence down said river to the line between Sections Nine & Ten in Township Fifteen North of Range Three West; thence South to the South East corner of Section Four in Township Fourteen North Range last aforesaid; thence West three miles by the surveys; thence South three miles by the surveys; thence West three miles by the surveys; thence South to the Southern boundary of Township Eleven, Range last aforesaid; thence East with the surveys to the Third Principal Meridian; thence North to the place of beginning shall constitute the county of Davd—

Sec: 4th That Benjamin Mitchell of Lapeer county, John Henry of Morgan County, Newton Walker of Fulton County, Richard O. Wariner of Montgomery county, and Achilles Morris of Sangamon County be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate the seats of justice of the Counties of Menard and Davd. Said Commissioners, or a majority of them shall meet at Petersburg in Menard County on the first Monday of May next, or within twenty days thereafter, and after being first duly sworn by some one authorized to administer oaths, faithfully and impartially, to

discharged the duties imposed on them by this act, shall proceed to explore said county, and to locate the seat of justice of said county thereof with a view to present and future population; which location, when made, shall be and remain the seat of justice of the County of Menard - *

Sec: 5th Said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at such place within the county of Dawes, may be agreed on by them; and at such time as they may agree upon not exceeding twenty days after they shall have located the seat of justice of Menard county, and shall then and there proceed to make the location of the seat of justice of the said county of Dawes, in all respects conformably with the fourth section of this act -

Sec: 6th Said Commissioners shall make out a certificate of the location of the seat of justice of each of the said counties of Menard and Dawes, stating what tract of land, and what part of the tract each location is made upon; which certificates shall be signed by the said Commissioners, and filed in the office of the Clerk of the county commissioners Court of Sangamon county, and shall be evidence of the said locations respectively -

Sec 7th Neither of said locations shall be made on private property unless the owner thereof shall either convey to the county, twenty acres of land, having the location at or near the centre thereof, or donate in money, to be applied to the erection of public buildings, the sum of three thousand dollars -

Sec: 8th That Charles Emmerson of Macon county, Cheney Thomas of McLean county, and Charles R. Matheny of Sangamon county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate the seat of justice of Logan county; and who, or a majority of whom, shall, in all respects, perform their duties

in the manner that the commissioners for the location of the county seats of the counties of Menard & Lane, are by this act required to do, and shall meet at the town of Portville in said county of Logan, on the first Monday of May next, or within twenty days thereafter for the purpose of performing the same; and such location when so made, shall be and remain the seat of justice of the said county of Logan until the end of the session of the General Assembly in the year 1841—

Sec: 9th Each of said commissioners, named in this act, shall receive out of the County treasuries, respectively for which he may have served, such per diem allowances, as shall be paid the members of the present General Assembly—

Sec: 10th An election shall be held on the first Monday of April next in each of the counties established by this act, to elect for each of said counties, one Sheriff, one Coroner, one Recorder, one County Surveyor, three county commissioners, one clerk of the County Commissioners Court, and one Probate Justice of the Peace, who shall hold their offices until the next succeeding general election, and until their successors are elected and qualified; which elections shall be conducted in all respects agreeably to the law regulating elections— Said elections shall be held in the county of Menard, at Peterburg, Sugar-grove, Union, and Lynchburg; in the county of Logan, at Portville and Palaski; in the county of Lane, at Buck-beat-grove, Allenton, and the house of John Durbin, and shall be held by the judges heretofore appointed by the authority of Sangamon county for those precincts respectively, provided, ~~provided~~ that where any place named in this act for holding said election, has not heretofore been an election precinct, the electors meeting there may choose their own judges and clerks, who shall

be qualified according to law previous to entering upon the discharge of their duties—

Sec: 11th The judges of elections, shall deliver to each officer elected a certificate of his election. The poll books shall be retained by them until the clerks of the county commissioners courts, shall respectively be qualified, and then deliver such poll-books of each county to its own clerk, who shall make and transmit to the Secretary of State an abstract of the votes given at such election in the same time, manner and form as is required of clerks of County Commissioners Courts in elections in other counties of this state.

Sec: 12th The said counties hereby established shall be attached to, and form part of the first judicial circuit—

Sec: 13th The county of Menard shall be united to the representatives in the General Assembly of the counties of Logan and Lane, ^{together} the county of Sangamon, five, and the four together two senators; and, in case any vacancy shall occur previous to the next election, the four counties shall vote together to fill said vacancy in the same manner as if no division had taken place—

Sec: 14th All business now pending in the Sangamon Circuit Court, or which shall be commenced therein previous to the organization of the counties hereby established, shall be determined therein, as if no new counties had been established; and the sheriff of Sangamon county is hereby authorized to perform all duties within the boundaries of the said new counties, which may be necessary for the finishing of the aforesaid business—

Sec: 15th The judges of the several elections precincts,

within the aforesaid counties shall meet at the several places herein after named on the second day after said election to ~~compare~~ compare their respective polls — in the county of Menard, at the town of Petersburg; in the county of Logan at the town of Puleaski; in the county of Boone, at the town of Allenton —

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