

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois Represented in the General Assembly.

1 That an election shall be held at the places ^{in the county of Hardin} ~~hitherto~~ selected for electing Justices of the Peace and Constables, on the first Monday in April next, for the purpose of electing all the County officers for said County of Hardin.

2 The Judges of election hitherto appointed in said County of Hardin shall preside at said election. And all the returns of said election shall be made to the House of Thomas Cowart - And Thomas Cowart and Francis Hoge or in their absence any ~~other~~ two Justices of the Peace in said County are hereby authorized to open said returns, and give certificates of election to those officers who shall receive the highest number of votes. Said officers elected on the first Monday in April shall hold their offices until the next regular election for their respective offices, and until their successors are duly qualified.

3. ~~James Steele~~ The County Commissioners of said County of Jackson shall meet within twenty days after their election, at the House of Thomas Covert, and shall then proceed to select and designate some suitable place near or at the center of said County for the permanent seat of Justice of said County. Provided however that said Commissioners shall either purchase the site or select for the County seat for the benefit of the County or shall accept again ~~exchange~~ ^{donate} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~land~~ ^{land} ~~twenty acres of land~~ ^{twenty acres of land} ~~which to erect the building~~ ^{which to erect the building} The owner or owners of the ~~the~~ site selected for said County seat shall donate to the County twenty acres of land for the use and benefit of the County.

4. ~~The County Commissioners of~~ ^{If the} ~~commissioners named in the foregoing section~~ ^{shall purchase the site of the} ~~County seat~~ ^{the County Commissioners of said County} ~~shall place~~ ^{shall place} ~~alone,~~ ^{alone,} or if they shall receive the donation of twenty acres of land shall proceed in conjunction with the owner or owners of said adjoining land to lay off a town at the point selected for said County seat, and shall sell the town lots.

George Hanna, John H. Smith
 and Herman Campbell are hereby
 appointed commissioners to locate the
~~the~~ County seat for said County. ~~of~~
 Hardin. And it shall be the duty
 of the ^{said} Commissioners to meet on
 the second Monday in April
 next at the House of Thomas Couser
 and after being duly sworn to dis-
 charge their duty to the best of their
~~skill~~ ability, shall proceed to
 designate and select some suitable
 place near to, or at the center of said
 County for the permanent seat of
 Justice thereof. - Provided however
 that said Commissioners shall either
 purchase said the site so selected
 by them for the County seat for the bene-
 -fit of the County, or the owner or
 owners thereof shall donate to the County
 twenty acres of land for the use of the
 County. - And said Commissioners
 shall be allowed three dollars a day
 for each day necessarily employed by
 them in discharging the duty imposed
 on them by this act. -

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~~such~~ point selected for said
county seat, and shall sell the
town lots which may belong
to the county at such times and
on such terms as may seem
to them best for the interests of
the county -

6- The School Commissioners of the
said County of Hardin immediately
after his appointment shall demand
and receive of and from the
School Commissioners of the County
of Pope all the school funds
belonging to the several townships
in said County of Hardin, and all
notes and mortgages pertaining
to the same, together with all
interest arising out of said money
that has not been hitherto
expended for school purposes in
that part of Pope County now
included in the County of Hardin.

7 It shall be the duty of the County
Commissioners of said County of
Hardin to designate some place
as the temporary place for holding
courts, and keeping the county offices
until arrangements are made
for accommodating the courts and
keeping the offices at the permanent

County seat. And it shall be
the duty ~~of~~ to notify the officers
of the County and the Judge of the
Circuit ⁱⁿ which the County of
Hardin is situated what point they
have selected for the temporary
seat of Justice. And also ~~when~~
they shall give a similar notice
when suitable arrangements are
made for moving the offices &
courts to the permanent seat of
Justice of said County.

8 The County of Hardin shall
constitute a part of the third
Judicial Circuit. And it shall
be the duty of the ^{Judge of the} third Judicial
Circuit to appoint ~~immediately~~ a
clock of the Circuit Court of said
County by the first Monday in
April next. and he shall also
designate the times for holding
two courts during each year
in said County, which shall
be held at the times by him then
designated.

8 The County Commissioners of said
County when elected shall draw
for their terms of service, and one
of them shall go out of office on
the first Monday in August 1840
one in August 1841 & one in
August 1842. ~~and~~ It shall be
9 the duty of ~~the~~ the persons appointed
to open the returns of the election
to make out abstracts & forward
the same to the office of the Secre-
tary of state as is now required
to be done in similar elections
by clerks of the County Commissioners
County.

10 The County of Hardin shall
vote with the County of Pope for
our Representative, and with the
Counties of Pope & Johnson for
our Senator until the next
apportionment.

11 Suits & Indictments that have
been commenced or that may
hereafter be commenced in the
Circuit Court of Pope County before
the organization of said County
of Hardin shall not be affected
by this act, but all such suits
and indictments shall be decided
in the Circuit Court of Pope County,

and ~~all~~ ^{I served} units may be opened ^{by}
the officers of Pope County ~~I would~~
on persons residing in the County
of Hardin, until said County of
Hardin is organized

12. Until a new apportionment can
be made of the interest on the
school college & annuity funds,
the school commissioners of Pope
County shall apportion that
fund coming from the state,
among the schools in the County
of Pope & Hardin, as though no
division had taken place in
said Counties -

[H. B. 44]

H. R.
A Bill for an
act to organize
the County of
Harrison

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Ord. to be engrossed

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