

In force, 8th AN ACT to authorize the county court of Lawrence county, to build a bridge across the Embarrass River.

**SEC. 1.** *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the county commissioners' court of Lawrence county be, and they are hereby, authorized to cause to be erected a bridge across the Embarrass River, at the town of Lawrenceville, on a direct line with either of the two streets that run north from the public square in said town. Said commissioners shall agree upon a plan of said bridge, and cause the same to be recorded; they shall cause a correct description, in writing, of the plan of said bridge, to be posted up in the Clerk's office of said county, at least twenty days previous to letting any contract for the erection of said bridge; and shall cause written notices to be put up in at least six of the most public places in the county, for a period of not less than one month before entering into any contract for the materials or erection of said bridge, stating therein, that they will let to the lowest responsible bidder, at the court house in said town, on a day to be agreed upon by them, contracts for the delivery of the necessary materials, also, contracts for the masonry and carpenters' work of said bridge: *Provided,* That, in making contracts, said commissioners shall take a bond, payable to the county of Lawrence, with security, to be approved of by them, for the faithful performance of such contracts, by the person or persons who may undertake the same, and within such time as shall be agreed upon: *And provided, further,* That, in no case, shall the commissioners make any payment to any person engaged in the said work, which shall exceed two-thirds of the value of work then performed, until the contract shall be completed, and received by the commissioners.

**SEC. 2.** The said building, when erected, as aforesaid, shall be, and forever remain, a public bridge, free to the passage of all persons, and their property, at all times, and without any charge whatever; and the county commissioners' court of Lawrence county shall cause the same to be kept in good repair, to afford a safe passage to all persons and their property.

**SEC. 3.** Nothing in this act shall be so construed, as to authorize the said commissioners to obstruct the navigation of said river, with either flat or keel boats.

APPROVED, January 8, 1840.

In force, 8th Jan. 1840. AN ACT to amend "an act to establish the county of Hardin, approved 2d March, 1839."

**SEC. 1.** *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That all that part of the territory of Pope county, as it stood previous to the passage of the law to which this is an amendment, which is comprised



within the following limits, shall constitute the county of Hardin, that is to say: beginning on the Ohio river, at the point where a line, dividing sections thirty-four and thirty-five, in township twelve, south of range seven east, running south, would strike the Ohio river; thence, due north with the sectional line to the Gallatin county line; thence, east two miles; and thence, southeast along the line dividing Pope and Gallatin counties to the Ohio river; thence, with the Ohio river, to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. The said county of Hardin shall have jurisdiction of all the territory included within the said limits, as well as all jurisdiction which, of right, belongs to the State of Illinois, upon so much of the Ohio river as forms the river boundary of said county of Hardin.

Jurisdiction of county.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of the county of Pope, to pay over to the county commissioners' court of Hardin county, a fair proportion of the money received by said county of Pope, from the State under the Internal Improvement law; also, a fair proportion of the school fund, according to the population of Pope and Hardin counties, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, to be ascertained by the census of that year.

Duty of com'rs of Pope county.

Proportion of Internal Improvement money.

School fund.

SEC. 4. That immediately after the passage of this act, the oldest justice of the peace, within the limits of the county of Hardin, shall order an election to be held in the several places of holding elections in said county, for a sheriff, coroner, and three county commissioners, and a commissioners' clerk, and all other county officers elective by the people, for said county of Hardin; whose powers and duties shall be the same as other sheriffs, coroners, and county commissioners of other counties. The notice for the elections aforesaid, shall be given three weeks before the time of holding it, by posting up, at three of the most public places in said county of Hardin, a notice thereof; and it shall be the duty of said justice giving the notice aforesaid, to receive the polls, count the votes, and declare who shall have been elected sheriff, coroner, and county commissioners of said county of Hardin.

Election to be ordered by oldest Justice of Peace for co. officers.

Notice for election.

SEC. 5. Said sheriff, coroner, and county commissioners, so elected, shall continue in office until the next general election.

Term of offices.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners first to be elected, to appoint a day for an election, to be held at the several places of holding elections within the limits of said county of Hardin, for the purpose of choosing the permanent seat of justice of said county; and if no one place shall have received a majority of all the votes given, then it shall be lawful for the legal voters to meet at the place or places of holding elections, in ten days thereafter, and then and there select and vote for one of the two places only, heretofore voted for, having the two highest number of all the votes where the county seat shall be located; and that

Duty of commissioners

Election for Seat of Justice



place, having a majority of all the votes given, shall be the permanent seat of justice for said county of Hardin.

**SEC. 7.** The county commissioners of Hardin county are hereby authorized to appropriate, for public improvements, the amount of money which said county is to receive from the county commissioners of Pope county under the Internal improvement law, as provided in the third section of this act.

**SEC. 8.** The said county of Hardin shall belong to the third judicial circuit; and the times of holding the circuit courts of said county, shall be as follows, to wit: on the Thursdays before the second Mondays in March, and the fourth Mondays in August: *Provided*, That no term of the circuit court of said county of Hardin shall be held until the fall term of said court, as herein provided; that all suits now pending in the Pope circuit court, in which citizens of Hardin county are concerned,

or to be commenced, by or against citizens of Hardin county, prior to the next March term of the Pope circuit court, shall be tried in said Pope circuit court; and that the said circuit court of Pope county have full and complete jurisdiction of all matters, whether civil or criminal, which pertain to the said county of Hardin, as it had prior to the passage of an act, entitled "An act establishing the county of Hardin, approved March 2, 1839," to which this [is] an amendment, until after the March term, next ensuing, of the said Pope circuit court.

**SEC. 9.** All laws, or parts of laws, coming within the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, January 8, 1840.

In force, 8th Jan. 1840. AN ACT supplemental to "An act to authorize the county commissioners to construct certain roads in Greene county."

**SEC. 1.** *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly*, That all the duties that are required and directed to be done by the county commissioners of Greene county, under "An act authorizing the county commissioners' court to construct certain roads in Greene county, approved March 2d, 1839," if the county of Jersey had not been created, is hereby authorized and required to be done by the county commissioners of Jersey county, in regard to the road from Jerseyville to the river in said county; said county commissioners are hereby authorized and required to expend the same amount of money, and in the same way that the county commissioners of Greene county would have done, if the county of Jersey had not have been created.

This act to be in force from and after its passage.

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