

ter, required to be performed at the county seat, are hereby required to be done and performed in the aforesaid seat of justice, in and for the said county of Franklin.

County officers to reside at county seat

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the circuit and county commissioners' clerks, with the sheriff of said county, in the discharge of their official transactions, to conform in all respects with the foregoing requisitions of this act, likewise all public officers required to reside at the county seat.

Monies for lots sold how applied

SEC. 4. That all monies which may have accrued from the sale of town lots in the aforesaid town of Benton, or that may hereafter accrue in virtue of any future sale of said property, is hereby expressly required to be expended in the erection of the necessary public buildings, and for no other purpose until otherwise directed by law. This act to take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, January 7, 1841.

In force Jan. 20, 1841.

An ACT to authorize the removal of the seat of justice of Adams County.

Election for removal of county seat

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That an election shall be held in the county of Adams, on the first Monday of August, eighteen hundred and forty-one, at the usual places of holding elections in said county, for the removal of the seat of justice of said county, at which election, the clerks thereof shall open two columns, one for Quincy, the other for Columbus, and shall take and record the votes of each qualified voter, for one of the aforesaid places as the seat of justice for said county. The said election shall be conducted, and the returns thereof made in the same manner as is provided in ordinary cases of the election of justices of the peace. The clerk of the county commissioners' court shall immediately after the receipt by him of the election returns, in the presence of two justices of the peace, open the election returns, compare them, and certify the same to the county commissioners' court, and the place having the greatest number of votes shall be, and remain the seat of justice in said county as hereinafter provided.

Returns of election

Duty of county commis'srs

SEC. 2. If, at such election, Columbus shall receive the greatest number of votes for said seat of justice, then it shall be the duty of the county commissioners' court of said county, without delay, to cause to be erected, purchased, or rented, suitable buildings in the town of Columbus for a court house, clerk's office, sheriff's office, and recorder's office, after which the county commissioners' court shall cause proclamation to be made and published in some public newspaper of said county, declaring and making known, that from and after a day to be therein named, not exceeding thirty days from the date thereof, the seat of justice of said county shall be and remain permanently located at Columbus.

Proclamation

SEC. 3. The county officers whose duty it is to keep their respective offices at the seat of justice, shall, on the day named in the proclamation hereinbefore specified, remove their offices to Columbus. County officers to reside at county seat

*Approved, January 20, 1841.*

An ACT to relocate the county seat of Lake County.

In force, Feb. 17, 1841.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That on the first Monday in April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, an election shall be held in the county of Lake, in the State of Illinois, at the usual places of holding elections, for the purpose of determining whether the present seat of justice of said county shall be removed and relocated. Election for or against removal of Co. seat

SEC. 2. The judges and clerks of said election, shall make two columns in their poll books, and in one shall be inserted the name of Burlington, and in the other the name of Little Fort, and the voters at said election shall vote in favor of the one or other of said places, and whichever of said places shall receive a majority of votes, shall be the seat of justice for said county. Poll books

SEC. 3. Said election shall be conducted, and returns thereof made, in accordance with the existing laws regulating elections. Manner of conducting election

SEC. 4. If the majority of votes, at said election shall be given for Little Fort aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners of said county, within one month after said election, to proceed to Little Fort aforesaid, and select and locate the site for the county seat, having first been sworn before some justice of the peace, to locate said county seat, with a view to the best interest of said county. Duty of county commiss'rs

SEC. 5. The county seat shall not be so located at Little Fort, unless it shall appear that the said county of Lake will have a pre-emption right to one hundred and sixty acres of land by said location, by an act or acts of Congress, enacted for such purposes, or unless the present pre-emption claimants to said Little Fort, shall then and there deed and quitclaim to said county commissioners, all their right, title and interest to such forty acre lot, as the said commissioners may have selected for the use and benefit of said county and the cost of said forty acres, when it comes into market, shall be paid out of the treasury of said county. County to have pre-emption right to land

*Approved, February 17, 1841.*