Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That all that tract of Country within the following boundaries, To wit, Beginning on the South line of Crawford County where the range line between ranges thirteen and fourteen West strikes the same thence South with said ~~line~~ range line to the South line of Lawrence County, thence West with said South County line to the line dividing Lawrence and Edwards Counties, Thence North with the last mentioned line to the South line of Clay County, thence West with said line to the centre of the little Wabash River, thence up the middle of said stream to the mouth of the Muddy fork thereof Thence up the centre of the Muddy fork to the line dividing Townships number three and four, Thence east with said line to the range line between ranges eight and nine Thence North with said range line to the South line of Jasper County and thence east with said line to the place of Beginning, shall constitute

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a new County to be Called the County of Richland;

Sec. 2. The County aforesaid is constituted upon the following conditions, The People of the Counties of Lawrence and Clay as they are now organized, Shall meet at the Several Places of holding elections for Senator and Representatives to the General Assembly in Said Counties, On the ~~Third~~ first Monday in ~~April~~ June next, and proceed to vote in the Same manner of voting for Senator and Representatives to the General Assembly, Whether Said County Shall be Constituted or not. The judges of Elections in Said Counties Shall give twenty days notice of the time and place of holding Said elections, by posting up Notices thereof at Six of the most public places in each of Said Counties and on Said day Shall open a Poll book at each election precinct in Said Counties, in Which they Shall Cause to be ruled two columns in one of Which they Shall Set down the votes given for the formation of Said new County, and in the other Column the votes given against the Same

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and said judges shall conduct said elections and make returns thereof to the clerks of the County Commissioners Courts of Lawrence & Clay Counties as is now provided by law in the case of elections for Senator and Representatives to the General Assembly, and said returns shall be opened and counted in the same manner as required in such elections, And if a majority of all the votes given in each of said Counties at said election shall be in favour of the formation of said new County, a certificate thereof shall be made by the clerks of the County Commissioners Courts of said Counties of Lawrence and Clay under the seals of said Courts, and transmitted by them to the office of the Secretary ~~of State~~ of the State of Illinois to be filed in his office as evidence of the formation of said County of Richland, and said Clerks, shall make a like certificate to be filed in their respective offices, which shall be made a matter of record at the next succeeding term of the County Commissioners Court of each of said Counties

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Which certificates shall be sufficient to prove the facts therein stated. After which said County shall be one of the Counties of the State of Illinois

Sec. 3. If said County of Richland shall be constituted as aforesaid the legal voters of said County shall meet on the third Monday of June next, at the several places of holding elections in said new County, and vote for the place where the county seat of said County shall be located on which day persons proposing to make donations for the several places proposed to be voted for shall file with the judges of elections of the several election precincts in said new County their written propositions which shall not be for less than ten acres of land at the place the seat of justice shall be located - And upon the person or persons offering the donation at the place receiving the greatest number of votes making to the said County of Richland a good and sufficient conveyance for

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the donation proposed to be given such place shall be the permanent seat of Justice for said county, and said donation shall be disposed of by the County Commissioners of said County in such manner as they may think proper, reserving necessary public grounds, and the proceeds arising from said donation shall be exclusively used for the erection of public buildings in said County.

Sec 4 Should said County of Richland be constituted according to the provisions of this act said County shall on the first Monday of August next elect all County officers for said County, to be commissioned and qualified as in other cases.

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~~may be disposed of in the manner the County Commissioners Court of said County shall deem proper the proceeds thereof to be applied by said County Commissioners and their successors in office to the erection of Public buildings in said County exclusively.~~

Sec. 5 Said County of Rutherland shall make a part of the fourth judicial Circuit, and so soon as said County shall be ~~constituted~~ organized the Clerk of the County Commissioners Court of said County shall notify the judge of the said Circuit, and it shall be his duty to appoint a clerk and hold court in said County at such times as said judge shall appoint or shall be provided by law, said Courts to be held at such place as the County Commissioners of said County shall provide until public buildings shall be erected

Sec. 6. The School funds belonging to the several townships in said County, and all notes and mortgages pertaining to the same shall be paid and delivered

over to the School Commissioner of the County of Richland by the School Commissioners of the Counties of Lawrence and Clay, so soon as the said County of Richland shall be organized, and the Commissioner of School lands shall be appointed and qualified according to law together with all interest arising out of said money that ~~has not~~ may not have been expended

Sec 7 That until otherwise provided by Law that portion of Nicholas County taken off Lawrence and that portion taken of Clay shall continue to vote with the counties they were taken off for Senator and Representative to the General assembly

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Sec 8 — That the passage of this act shall in nowise alter or effect the assessment of property or the collection of taxes in the Counties of Lawrence and Clay as the same are now organized for this year One thousand eight hundred and forty one But should the said County of Richland be organized in pursuance to the provisions of this act the County Commissioners Court of the Counties of Lawrence and Clay shall immediately after the settlement of the Collectors of their respective Counties order that portion of taxes collected from Citizens residing in that portion of Richland County taken off their respective Counties after deducting a proportionable amount for the assessment and collection of the same to be paid into the County treasury of Richland County

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9 The ~~the~~ returns of the election for County officers to be held on the first Monday in August next and the returns of the election for the purpose of fixing the permanent Seat of justice of Said County Shall be made to Samuel R Lowry James Laws and Joshua L Johnston who are hereby authorized and required to open the Same and make returns thereof in the Same manner as ~~in required of~~ Clerks of County Commissioners Court and justices of the peace called to their assistance in ordinary cases, are required to do —

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