

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly,

That the Governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, at the present session of the General Assembly, and at each succeeding regular session thereafter appoint three Canal Commissioners, one of whom shall be President, one other Treasurer, and the other Acting Commissioner, and the three together or a majority of them, shall constitute the Board of Canal Commissioners, who shall continue in office for two years, and until their successors shall be commissioned and qualified.

Sec. 2. The Canal Commissioners herein authorized to be appointed, shall exercise the same power, have the same jurisdiction, perform the same duty, and receive the same compensation now allowed by law to such officers. —

Sec. 3. — It shall be the duty of the Canal Commissioners to make a report at the end of each month to the Auditor in which they shall distinctly show the amount of money paid out during the month, to whom, when, and for what objects, the payments were severally made, which report shall be accompanied by the vouchers

or duplicates thereof of each paymaster referred to in the report. The Report shall also show the receipts for the same period by the said Commissioners.

Sec. 4. — The Auditor shall carefully examine the reports and compare them with the vouchers, noting all errors, defects, if any such errors or defects exist, and immediately communicate the same to the Canal Commissioners for their correction, and submit the same to the Governor, together with his opinion thereon, at all times when so required by the Governor, or when the importance of the subject may seem to the Auditor to require it.

Sec. 5. — When ever it shall appear to the Governor, that any or all the said Commissioners neglect their official duty, or are guilty of malfeasance in office, and whenever in his opinion, the public interest require the same, he shall remove them or either of them from office, and appoint his or their successor or successors, who shall continue in office till the end of the next session of the General Assembly, unless the General Assembly shall be in session at such time; and in such case the removal shall not be made and appointment take place, unless the Senate advise and consent thereto.

Sec. 6. — In the event that the Governor removes any such officer from office, he shall lay before the Senate at the next session, ^{thereof} his reasons therefor.

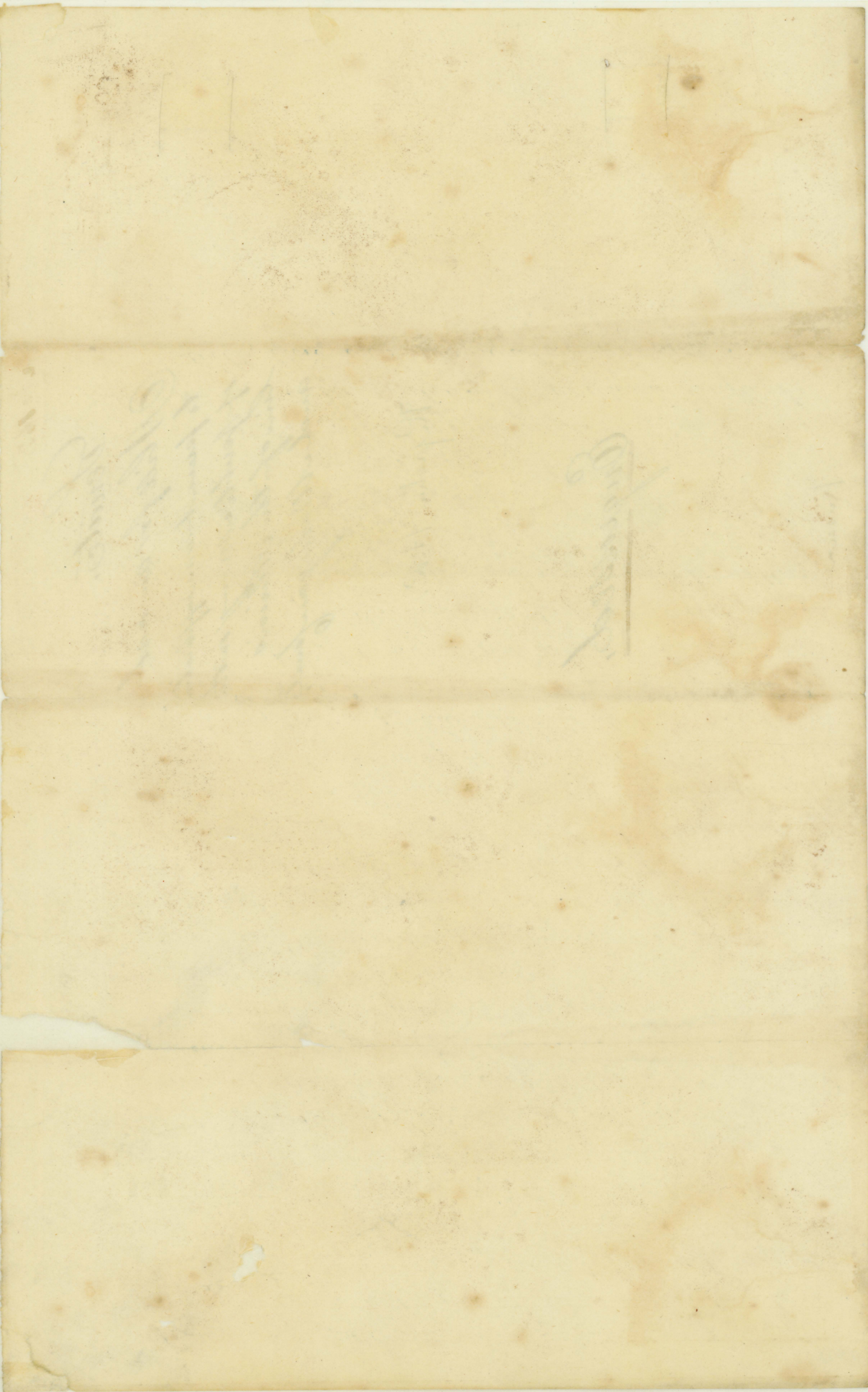
Sec. 7. — If any of the Canal Commissioners, appointed under the provisions of this act, or any Clerk, Engineer, Officer or Agent, appointed by the said Commissioners or either of them shall use, lend, or in any manner

convert any of the public money, or property, to his or
their own use, or to the use of another, contrary to law,
the person or persons so offending shall be deemed
guilty of felony, and on conviction shall be confined
in the Penitentiary for a term of not less than one year,
nor more than ten years, and fined in any sum
at the discretion of the Court, not exceeding in
amount double the value of the money or property
so unlawfully used, loaned or converted, and
shall moreover be judged incompetent to hold any
office of honour or profit.

Sec. 8. Whenever the Attorney General shall be
advised by the Governor, or Auditor, of the violation
of any of the foregoing sections of this act, or that
the public money or property in the hands or
possession of any such Canal Commissioner,
Engineer, Officer, Clerk or Agent is in danger
of being lost, it shall be his duty to use the
most energetic means authorized by law to
secure the State against loss, and to have the
offender^s brought to trial and punish-
ment. He may also notify the State Attorney
for the district in which the offence is
supposed to have been committed, thereof,
and require his aid in the premises.

Sec. 9. So much of all acts and parts of
acts, as are contrary to, or which conflict
with this act are hereby repealed.

Passed in Senate July 12/41
And in Assembly



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Senate.

Bill for an act
to prevent a misapplication
of public money on the
line of the Illinois
and Michigan canal.

Ripcha H.R.

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