

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

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