

**COUNTY OF ROCK
COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE**

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Janesville, Wisconsin

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County Surveyor

A STATUTE

TO PRESCRIBE TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

An act to provide for the government of the several towns in this territory, and for the revision of County Government. Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin.

Chapter I

1. The several towns which have been or may hereafter be organized and established by laws in the counties, which shall have determined by vote in favor of the adoption of this act, shall be governed by and subject to the provisions of this act; and in case any of the said counties have not been subdivided into towns, then, and in that case, such county shall be an organized town for the purposes of this act.

2. The legal voters of the several organized counties in this territory shall at the next general election, vote for or again- at the adoption of the provisions of this act, as they may deem best; and the clerks of the boards of county commissioners of such counties shall canvass such votes in the manner other votes are canvassed, and certify and return the same to the Legislative Assembly, on the first Monday of December then next. And the majority of the electors, in any counties of this territory, shall vote in favor of the adoption of this act, then the county so voting in favor of its adoption shall be governed by, and subject to, the provisions of this act, on and after the first Tuesday of April 1842.

3. For the purpose of holding the first town meetings authorized by this act, the clerks of the boards of county commissioners of the several counties subject to the provisions of this act, shall establish some public place in each town in such counties at which such town meetings shall be held, and the same shall be held on the first Tuesday of April 1842, and the said clerk shall give at least fifteen days notice of the time and place, when and where, such town meetings shall be held in each town, by posting up three written notices in three of the most public places in each town specifying the time and place of such meeting in each town; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of said counties to post up said notices at least ten days previous to the said first Tuesday of April.

4. At the time and place of holding such town meeting the electors present shall, between the hours of nine and eleven of the clock, A.M. organize such meeting by choosing a