

## No. 21.

AN ACT dividing the county of Des Moines into several new counties.

Des Moines  
county divided.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin*, That the country included within the following limits, to wit: beginning at the most southern outlet of Skunk river, on the Mississippi; thence a northern direction passing through the grove on the head of the northern branch of Lost Creek, and thence to a point corresponding with the range line dividing range seven and eight, and thence south with said line to the Des Moines river; thence down the middle of the same to the Mississippi, and thence up the Mississippi to the place of beginning, be and the same is hereby set off into a separate county, by the name of Lee.

Lee county.

Van Buren  
county.

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the country included within the following boundaries, to wit: beginning at the north-west corner of Lee; thence south with the west line of said county to the river Des Moines; thence up the same to where the Missouri line strikes the same; thence west with the said Missouri line to the Indian boundary line; thence north with the said boundary line twenty-four miles; thence east to the beginning; be and the same is hereby set off into a separate county, by the name of Van Buren.

Des Moines  
county.

SECTION 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the country included within the following limits, to wit: beginning on the Mississippi river, at the north-east corner of Lee; thence up said river to a point fifteen miles above the town of Burlington, on the bank of said river; thence on a westerly direction to a point on the dividing ridge between the Iowa river and Flint creek, being twenty miles on a due west line from the Mississippi river; thence a southerly direction, so as to intersect the northern boundary line of the county of Lee, at a point twenty miles on a straight line from the Mississippi river; thence east with the northerly line of the said county of Lee to the beginning, be and the same is hereby set off into a separate county, by the name Des Moines.

SECTION 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the country

included within the following limits, to wit: beginning at the south-west corner of Des Moines; thence north-west with the line of the said county of Van Buren to the Indian boundary line; thence north with the said boundary line twenty-four miles; thence south-east to the north-west corner of the county of Des Moines; thence south with the west line of the county of Des Moines to the beginning, be and the same is hereby set off into a separate county, by the name of Henry. Henry county.

SECTION 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the country included within the following limits: beginning at the Mississippi river, at the north-east corner of Des Moines; thence up said river twelve miles above the mouth of Iowa; thence west to the Indian boundary line; thence with said boundary line, to the north-west corner of Henry and with the line of the same, to the north-west corner of the county of Des Moines; thence east with the line of the same county of Des Moines to the beginning, be and the same is hereby set off into a separate county, by the name of Louisa. Louisa county.

SECTION 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the country included within the following boundaries, to wit: beginning on the Mississippi river, at the north-east corner of the county of Louisa; thence up said river twenty-five miles on a straight line; thence west to the Indian boundary line; thence with said boundary line south to the north-west corner of the county of Louisa; thence east with the line of said county of Louisa to the beginning, be and the same is hereby set off into a separate county, by the name of Musquitine. Muscatine county.

SECTION 7. *Be it further enacted,* That the country included within the following boundaries, to wit: beginning on the Mississippi river, at the north-east corner of the county of Musquitine; thence up said river to the south-east corner of the county of Du Buque; thence with the line of the said county of Du Buque to the Indian boundary line; thence with said line south, to the north-west corner of the county of Musquitine; thence east with the said line of the said county of Musquitine to the beginning, be and the same is hereby set off into a separate county, by the name of Cook. Cook county.

SECTION 8. *Be it further enacted,* That the district

Terms of district courts when and where.

court shall be held at the town of Madison, in the county of Lee, on the last Monday in March and on the last Monday in August in each year; in the town of Farmington, in the county of Van Buren, on the second Monday in April and the second Monday in September in each year; in the town of Mountpleasant, in the county of Henry, on the first Friday after the second Monday in April and September in each year; in the town of Wapello, in the county of Louisa, on the first Thursday after the third Monday in April and September in each year; in the town of Bloomington, in the county of Muscatine, on the fourth Monday in April and September in each year.

County of Cook attached to Muscatine.

SECTION 9. *Be it further enacted*, That the county of Cook be and the same is hereby attached to the county of Muscatine, for all judicial purposes.

Des Moines debts, how paid.

SECTION 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the proper authority of the several counties hereby established, so soon as the said counties shall become organized, shall liquidate and pay so much of the debt now due and unpaid by the present county of Des Moines, as may be their legal and equitable proportion of the same, according to the assessment value of the taxable property which shall be made therein.

SECTION 11. This act to be in force from and after its passage, and until the end of the next annual session of the legislative assembly, and no longer.

P. H. ENGLE,

*Speaker of the house of representatives.*

HENRY S. BAIRD,

*President of the council.*

H. DODGE.

Approved Dec. 7, 1836.

## No. 22.

AN ACT to change the seat of justice in Brown county.

Seat of justice of Brown county, where and how located.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin*, That the seat of justice in the county of Brown, shall, from and after the 1st day of April, 1837, be established either