

tificate, and the name in whose favor the same is drawn, with a detailed statement of the particular services rendered by the clerk or clerks, verified by the affidavit of the Secretary, shall be set forth in the annual reports of the Secretary of State and State treasurer.

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CHAPTER 54.

Published May 9.

An Act to divide the county of Portage and erect the county of Wood.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows :

Boundaries of Wood county. SECTION 1. Towns twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four and twenty-five of ranges two, three, four and five, and towns twenty-one and twenty-two of range six east of the fourth meridian, and so much of town twenty-three as lies south-east of the Wisconsin river, in range six, are hereby detached from the county of Portage, and shall hereafter constitute a separate county under the name and title of Wood.

Rights, privileges, &c. SEC. 2. That said county of Wood is hereby erected, established and organized with all the rights, powers and privileges by law granted to other counties of this state, and subject to all general laws established for county government.

Election of officers. SEC. 3. That at the next general annual election, the electors in said county shall elect all and every of the county officers provided by law for county government, whose term of office shall commence on the first Monday of January next, and shall continue for two years thereafter.

County seat. SEC. 4. The present village of Grand Rapids is hereby constituted and declared the county seat of said county of Wood, and the said county of Wood is hereby attached to the seventh judicial circuit for judicial purposes, and the circuit court of the seventh judicial circuit of the state of Wisconsin shall hold its session at said county

seat of Wood, commencing on the fourth Monday of April and third Monday of October, in each year, the first term to be held on the fourth Monday of April, 1857.

SEC. 5. The liabilities or indebtedness of the present county of Portage shall be paid, satisfied and discharged rateably by said county of Portage and county of Wood, according to the last assessment of Portage county. Indebtedness
—how paid.

SEC. 6. All process, appeals, recognizances, and other legal proceedings commenced or pending in the circuit court for the county of Portage, prior to the first Monday of June next, shall be prosecuted to final judgment therein, in the same manner they might have been, had this act not have been passed. Processes, &c.
pending.

SEC. 7. All writs, process, appeals, recognizance and other legal proceedings taken, had or commenced on or after the first day of January next, in said county of Wood, shall be made returnable in the said county of Wood. Writs, &c.

SEC. 8. The counties of Portage and Wood shall, at the respective session of the boards of county supervisors in the respective counties, each appoint three commissioners to meet at the village of Plover, in the said county of Portage, within thirty days after their appointment by said boards of county supervisors, to examine into the indebtedness of the said county of Portage, at the time of the division of said county, and also to determine the amount of indebtedness, if any, of the said county of Wood, to the county of Portage, or of the indebtedness of the said county of Portage to the county of Wood, the ratio of indebtedness, to be determined by the amount of taxes paid into the office of the county treasury, by the inhabitants of the respective counties. Commissioner
to determine
indebtedness.

SEC. 9. The boundaries of Portage County are hereby defined and established as follows, to wit: Commencing at the south-west corner of town twenty-one, in range seven, east of the fourth principal meridian, thence east, to the south-east corner of town twenty-one, in range ten, east of the fourth principal meridian, thence north, to the north-east corner of town twenty-five, range ten, east of the fourth principal meridian, thence west, to the north-west corner of town twenty-five, range seven, east of the fourth principal meridian, thence south, to the south-west corner of town twenty-three, in range seven, east of the fourth principal meridian, thence east, on the line between towns twenty-two and twenty-three, to the Wisconsin Boundaries of
Portage co.

river, thence up the center of the main channel of said river, to the line between town twenty-three, in ranges six and seven, east of said principal meridian, thence south to the point of beginning.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 55.

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An Act to amend an act entitled an act to limit the rate of interest, approved March 10, 1851.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Amendment
to act limiting
rate of interest

SECTION 1. All bonds, bills, notes, assurances, conveyances, and all other contracts or securities whatever, whereby there is reserved or secured a rate of interest exceeding twelve per cent. shall be valid and effectual to secure the repayment of the principal sum loaned, but no interest shall be recovered on such securities or on any money or other thing loaned by such contract.

SEC. 2. Whenever any person shall apply to any court in this state to be relieved in case of a usurious contract or security, or when any person shall set up the plea of usury in any action or suit instituted against him, such person to be entitled to such relief or the benefit of such plea shall prove a tender of the principal sum of money or thing loaned to the party entitled to receive the same.

Repealed.

SEC. 3. Sections 4, 6 and 8 of an act entitled "an act to limit the rate of interest," approved March 10, 1851, so far as said sections are inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 29, 1856.