

## TOWNSHIPS.

## CHAPTER XXII.

## AN ACT TO ORGANIZE A SYSTEM OF TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT IN THE COUNTY OF UNION.

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*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota:*

Section 1. The county of Union shall be divided into five districts known as "commissioners townships," bounded and described as follows:

Union county  
divided into five  
"commissioners  
townships."

**Boundaries of  
Big Sioux town-  
ship.**

All that portion of the county south of the north line of township No. 89 N, lying between the Big Sioux and Missouri rivers, shall be known as the Big Sioux township and shall be entitled to one county commissioner.

**Boundaries of  
Jefferson town-  
ship.**

All that portion of the county north of the south line of township No. 90 N, and south of the north line of the same township, lying between the Big Sioux and Missouri rivers shall be known as Jefferson township, and shall be entitled to one county commissioner.

**Boundaries of  
Centerville  
township.**

All that portion of the county in range 49 and 50 west, township 91 N, lying between the Big Sioux and Missouri rivers shall be known as Centerville township and shall be entitled to one county commissioner.

**Boundaries of  
Brule township.**

All that portion of the county in range 49 and 50 west, township 92 N, lying between the Big Sioux and Missouri rivers shall be known as the Brule township, and shall be entitled to one county commissioner.

**Boundaries of  
Sioux Valley  
township.**

All that portion of the county north of the south line of township 93 N, shall be known as the Sioux valley township and shall be entitled to one county commissioner.

**One county com-  
missioner to be  
elected in each  
township at next  
annual election.  
Term of office.**

Sec. 2. At the next annual election in said county there shall be elected one county commissioner in each civil township, by the qualified electors thereof, who shall hold his office for the term of two years, or until his successor is elected and qualified; and the said commissioners when so elected shall constitute the board of county commissioners, and when qualified, shall supersede the present incumbents in office, and shall proceed to the transaction of business as prescribed by law.

**Other officers  
elected at same  
time.**

There shall also be elected at said general election, in each township, three trustees, one township clerk, one assessor, one road supervisor and two constables who shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified; there shall also be elected at said election, two justices of the peace, who shall hold their offices for two years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

**Their terms of  
office.**

**Duties of trus-  
tees.**

Sec. 3. The trustees shall judge the election in their respective townships; shall order the place of holding the same, and shall be fence viewers; shall audit the accounts of the road supervisor and when so audited shall issue an order to the

township clerk for the amount due, and shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the township. Each trustee before entering upon the duties of his office shall take and subscribe an oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Organic Act of Dakota, and faithfully perform the duties of his office.

Trustees to take  
oath.

Sec. 4. The township clerk shall keep a full and complete record of all affairs of the township; he shall be clerk of the board of trustees and shall keep in a suitable book to be furnished by the board of county commissioners, all the proceedings of the board of trustees and shall furnish the assessors of their townships with suitable assessment rolls; he shall, upon the order of the board of trustees, draw all moneys from the county treasury belonging to the township, and keep the same subject to the order of the trustees: and shall make an annual report to the board of county commissioners, on the first Monday of January, of all moneys received as said clerk during the year, from the county treasury, and from the township, and the disposition made thereof, he shall also issue and post notices of elections ten days previous to holding the same, and shall also act as clerk of elections in his township, and the trustees shall select some suitable person to act as assistant clerk at such election, and in case of the disability of the township clerk to attend at any election the judges shall select two persons to act as clerks of said election; and the canvass and return of all elections in the respective townships shall be made as provided by law. The township clerk shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take and subscribe an oath, to support the Constitution of the United States and the Organic Act of Dakota, and faithfully discharge the duties of said clerk to the best of his ability; and shall also be required to give bond to the county, in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the trustees of his township, and deposited with the clerk of the board of county commissioners.

Duties of town-  
ship clerk.

Trustees to ap-  
point assistant  
clerk of election.

Township clerk  
to take oath  
and give bond.

Sec. 5. The board of trustees in each township shall meet on the first Tuesday in April, in each year, at the residence of one of their number, or at some school house in the township,

When board of  
trustees of  
township to  
meet.

Their duties.  
Taxes.

and at such other time as the business of the township may require, not to exceed six days in any one year, and at the said annual meeting, in April, they shall levy a tax of not less than one mill nor more than three mills on the dollar, of the taxable property in the township, as shown by the last annual assessment, for the purpose of defraying the current expenses of the township; which tax shall become due, and shall be paid to the township clerk, on or before the first day of January, in each year, and all taxes then unpaid shall draw interest at the rate of one per cent. a month until paid; and in the assessment of all other taxes the township assessor shall proceed in all respects as is provided by law for the assessment of county and territorial taxes.

Officers appointed  
by this act.

Sec. 6. That for the purpose of carrying this act into practical effect until next annual election, the following named officers be, and the same are hereby appointed, who shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified, to-wit: In the Sioux valley township, Harrison Miller shall be county commissioner; in the Brule township, Caleb Cummings shall be county commissioner, who shall serve with the present county commissioners until their successors are elected and qualified; and at the next annual election there shall be elected in each township, one county commissioner, three trustees, one township clerk, one assessor, one road supervisor, two justices of the peace, and two constables, by the qualified electors thereof, which officers shall be electors of their respective townships.

Office to be  
elected.

Board of commissioners to determine by lot duration of their office.

Sec. 7. The said board of commissioners shall at their first regular meeting in each year, determine, by lot, the duration of their respective terms of office, to commence in the year 1867.

What township officers to take oath and give bond.

Sec. 8. All township officers provided for in this act, whose form and manner of qualification are not herein provided for, shall take such oath and give such bond as shall be required by the board of township trustees.

Who entitled to vote for township officers.

Sec. 9. All persons possessing the qualifications of electors for territorial and county officers who shall have resided within the township twenty days prior to any election, shall be entitled to vote at such election within their respective townships.

Sec. 10. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to interfere with the duties of any county officer as now defined by law: *Provided, however*, that the sheriff shall be no longer county assessor, but the duties of the same shall devolve upon the township assessor of their respective townships.

How provisions  
of this act con-  
strued.  
proviso.

Sec. 11. This act shall not be construed to apply to any other county in this territory, than the county of Union.

This act not to  
apply to any  
other county  
than Union.

Sec. 12. All provisions of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed, so far as they apply to the county of Union.

Acts repealed.

Sec. 13. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.

When act to  
take effect.

Approved, January 9th, 1867.

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## TAXES.

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### CHAPTER XXIII.

[This law is published with the amendments made by the last session of the legislative assembly for the convenience of revenue officers, and at the request of several members of the legislature.]

#### AN ACT IN RELATION TO TERRITORIAL AND COUNTY REVENUE.

- Section 1. Debts contracted prior to January 1865, not to be paid out of revenue under this act. Fifty dollars may be expended for blank books.
2. What taxes to be hereafter annually levied. Amount for Territorial purpose. For county revenue. For repairing roads and bridges. Aggregate Territorial and county tax not to exceed three-fourths of one per cent.