

Nov. 1, 1849.

CHAP. III.—An Act regulating the time of holding general Elections, and for other purposes.

Time of holding elections.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota,* That the first general election in this Territory shall be held on the fourth Monday in November next; but thereafter the general election shall be held on the first Monday in September in each and every year.

What officers to be elected.

SEC. 2. At the general election in November of this year there shall be elected in each county organized for county purposes, three county commissioners, one sheriff, one register of deeds, one county treasurer, one judge of probate, three county assessors, and one coroner, for the county, and such other territorial, district, county or precinct officers as may be prescribed by law, and two justices of the peace and two constables for each election precinct.

Shall qualify &c.

SEC. 3. All officers elected at any general election shall qualify and assume the discharge of the duties of their respective offices on the first Monday in January following their election.

Delegate to Congress.

SEC. 4. There shall be elected a delegate to Congress from the Territory at the general election in A. D. 1850, and every two years thereafter.

The first election --where held--how conducted and returns made.

SEC. 5. At the first election held in conformity to the provisions of this act, the polls shall be opened at such precincts as may have been established by law, within the limits of the several counties organized for county purposes, and such other precincts as may be designated and laid out by the board of county commissioners in the several counties, and the elections shall be conducted and returns made in conformity to the law to provide for and regulate general elections.

Council Districts established.

SEC. 6. The several council districts as established by the Governor in his proclamation of the seventh day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, are hereby declared to be confirmed until otherwise provided for by the Legislative Assembly.

APPROVED the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

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CHAP. IV.—An Act to prescribe the qualification of voters and of holding office.

Who eligible as electors.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota,* That all free white male inhabitants over the age of twenty-one years, who shall have resided within this Territory for six months next preceeding an election shall be entitled to vote at any election for delegate to Congress and for territorial and county officers; *Provided,* That they shall be citizens of the United States, or shall have resided within the United States for a period of two years next preceeding such election, and declared on oath before any court of record having a seal and clerk, or in time of vacation, (of said court,) before the clerk thereof, his intention to become such, and shall have taken an oath to support the constitution of the United States, and the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to establish the Territorial government of Minnesota," approved March the third, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Mixed breed, eligible as electors.

SEC. 2. That all persons of a mixture of white and Indian blood, and who shall have adopted the habits and customs of civilized men, are hereby declared to be entitled to all the rights and privileges granted by the provisions of this act.

APPROVED Nov. first, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.