

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE, TITLE IV, OF THE CODE OF 1873.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That section 281 of
2 the Code of 1873 be amended by striking out the last three words thereof, and inserting in
3 lieu thereof the following: "the regular June session of said board preceding the election, as
4 hereinafter provided."

SEC. 2. That section 282 be amended by striking out of the third and fifth lines thereof
2 the words "legal voters," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "freehold legal voters."

SEC. 3. That section 283 be amended by striking out the words "legal voters," in the
2 first and fifth lines thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "freehold legal voters."

SEC. 4. That section 284 be repealed and there be enacted as a substitute therefor the
2 following: "Notice shall be given by publication in all the weekly papers published in the
3 county that petitions will be presented to the board asking the submission to a vote of the
4 question of removal of the county seat, by three publications in such papers, which last pub-
5 lication shall be at least sixty days before the meeting of the board. Where no papers are
6 published in the county, notice shall be given by posting the same in three public places in
7 each township in the county and one on the door of the building where the last term of the
8 district court was held in the county, at least sixty days before such petitions are presented
9 to the board. Such petitions shall be filed with the county auditor of the county at least
10 thirty clear days before the first day of the session at which they are to be presented and
11 acted upon."

SEC. 5. That section 285 be amended by striking out the words "legal voters," in the
2 second line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "freehold legal voters," and by
3 striking out the words "last preceding census," in the third line of said section, and insert-
4 ing in lieu thereof the words "affidavits and evidence filed with the petitions": and add to
5 the end of said section the following: *provided,* if the county seat has been located for fifteen
6 years at one place, or the town to be voted for is farther from the geographical center of the

7 county than the existing county seat, then before such submission can be so ordered the pe-
8 titions shall be signed by at least two-thirds of the freehold legal voters of said county.

SEC. 6. That section 288 be amended by striking out the word "three," in the second
2 line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "eight."

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FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF COUNTY SEATS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That where any
2 county seat has been located in a county at one place continuously for twenty years prior to
3 the taking effect of this act, it shall not be removed from its said location, or an election
4 ordered on the question of re-location, only upon the following conditions, in addition to
5 those now provided by law:

SEC. 2. The petition must be presented at the regular June session of the board of super-
2 visors preceding the election hereinafter provided.

SEC. 3. The signers of the petition and remonstrance must be legal voters who have resided
2 in the county one year before the first day of the meeting of the board of supervisors at
3 which the petition is presented.

SEC. 4. Notice shall be given by three publications in a majority of the weekly newspa-
2 pers published in the county that a petition will be presented to the board at its regular
3 June session, asking that the question of the removal of the county seat be submitted to a
4 vote, specifying clearly the point to which the removal is desired, the last publication to be
5 60 days before the meeting of the board. Where no paper is published in the county, notice
6 shall be given by posting the same in three public places in each township in the county and
7 one on the front door of the building used as a court-house, all at least 60 days prior to the
8 meeting of the board. The petition shall be filed with the county auditor 30 days before the
9 meeting of the board.

SEC. 5. No election shall be ordered unless a majority of the legal voters who have resided
2 in the county for one year before the meeting as aforesaid, as shown by the affidavits and
3 evidence filed with the petitions, have signed such petition who have not signed the remon-
4 strance.

SEC. 6. Elections on the question of removal of the county seat shall not be ordered more
2 frequently than once in six years.

SEC. 7. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby
2 repealed.

SEC. 8. This act being deemed of importance, shall take effect from and after its publica-
2 tion in the *State Register* and *State Leader*, newspapers published at Des Moines.