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ACTS AND RESOLVES,

PASSED BY THE

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Chapter 89.

AN ACT in relation to Elections.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the qualified electors of unincorporated places may organize themselves into plantations for the purpose of elections in the following manner:— Any three or more of the inhabitants of any unincorporated place, may apply in writing to one or more County Commissioners of the County in which such place is situated, whose duty it shall be to issue his warrant to one of said applicants, directing him to notify and warn a meeting of the electors of said place, within such limits as shall be described in such warrant at some specified central place by posting up notice thereof, and of its object in two or more public places in said unincorporated place, seven days before the day of said meeting. And at the time and place appointed, a moderator shall be chosen by ballot, whose duty it shall

Application and mode of organization.

Officers to be chosen at the first meeting.

be to preside at said meeting. And three assessors and a clerk shall also be chosen by ballot at the same time, who shall be sworn by the moderator or a Justice of the Peace. And the limits of all plantations, so organized, shall be described by said assessors, so chosen, and forwarded to the Secretary of State, and by him recorded.

Limits of plantation to be described and forwarded to the Sect'y of State.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said assessors shall make out an alphabetical list of all such inhabitants of said place as shall appear to be qualified electors by the Constitution of this State, or of the United States, and post up said list in two or more public places in said unincorporated place seven days at least next before the day of the election. They shall call a meeting of the inhabitants aforesaid at some convenient and central place to be designated in the warrant therefor, by posting up notice thereof seven days before the day of election, which election shall be on the same day it is in the class or county of which said place may be a part. And it shall be the duty of said assessors to be present at some convenient place to be stated in the warrant calling the meeting, on the day of election as long before the hour of meeting as they shall deem necessary, to receive evidence of the qualifications of electors, and to amend their list accordingly.

List of voters to be posted up seven days before the election.

Made and time of calling the meeting.

Assessors to be in session to receive evidence of qualification of voters.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That said Assessors shall preside impartially at said meeting and receive the votes of all qualified electors present, sort, count and declare them in open plantation meeting, and in the presence of the plantation clerk, who shall form a list of persons voted for, with the number of votes for each person against his name; shall make a fair record thereof in the presence of the assessors, and in open plantation meeting. And the clerk shall make out fair copies of the list of votes, and names of voters, to be attested by the Assessors and the clerk and to be sealed up in open

Duty of Assessors and Clerk.

Clerk to make a copy of the list of votes and names of voters, &c.

plantation meeting, and cause the same to be delivered within the time required by the Constitution to the respective authorities, whose duty it may be to receive the same. And votes so thrown shall be received and allowed for Electors of President and Vice President, for Representative to Congress, for Governor, Senators, Representative to State Legislature, and County officers, in the same manner as votes thrown in any town in said class or county.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the organization as aforesaid of any plantation for the purpose aforesaid shall continue, the assessors and clerk, afterwards, be chosen, and the meetings be called and held annually in March or April in the same manner in all other respects, as in towns. And said officers of said plantation shall be liable to all the penalties for official neglect or misconduct, respectively, that selectmen and clerks of towns are by law, and the voters of said place shall be liable to the same penalties that the voters of towns are in like circumstances.

Annual meeting
to be holden in
March or April.

Liabilities for
neglect or mis-
management.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from and after its approval by the Governor.

[Approved October 2, 1840.]

Chapter 90.

AN ACT suspending the operation of an Act, entitled "an Act prohibiting the emission and circulation of bank bills of a small denomination and certain others," and of the fourth section of an Act entitled "an Act further regulating banks and banking."

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the operation of an Act, entitled "an Act prohibiting the emission and circulation of bank