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follows: As soon as practicable, after the passage of this act, the governor of the Territory of Wisconsin shall apportion the thirteen members of the Council, and twenty-six members of the House of Representatives among the several counties or districts comprised within said Territory, according to their population, as nearly as may be, (Indians excepted.) The first election shall be held at such time as the governor shall appoint and direct, and shall be conducted, and returns thereof made in all respects according to the provisions of the laws of said Territory, and the governor shall declare the person having the greatest number of votes to be elected, and shall order a new election when there is a tie between two or more persons voted for, to supply the vacancy made by such tie. The persons thus elected shall meet at Madison, the seat of government, on such day as he shall appoint, but thereafter, the apportioning of the representation in the several counties, to the Council and House of Representatives, according to population, the day of their election, and the day for the commencement of the session of the legislative assembly shall be prescribed by law.

Sec. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That temporarily, and until otherwise provided by law of the legislative assembly, the governor of the Territory of Iowa may define the judicial districts of said Territory, and assign the judges who may be appointed for said Territory, to the several districts, and also appoint the time for holding courts in the several counties in each district, by proclamation to be issued by him; but the legislative assembly, at their first or any subsequent session, may organize, alter, or modify such judicial districts, and assign the judges, and alter the times of holding the courts, or any of them.

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The first Government sale of lands lying in this county (Des Moines) took place in November 1838; the principal part of the lands however were not offered at public sale until 1839 and 1840. *Iowa Territorial Gazette and Advertiser*, September 3, 1842.

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