dred and sixty-seven, and eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, made by the governor in accordance with the laws of said Territory, be, and is hereby, declared legal and valid under the organic act.

Election to be held in November, 1870; how ordered and conducted.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That an election for members of the next legislative assembly, and for all township, county, and district officers, and for delegate to the Forty-second Congress of the United States, shall be held upon the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and the governor shall order such election by proclamation to be issued not less than two months previous to said day. In said proclamation he shall declare the number of members of each branch of the legislature to which each county or district of said Territory shall be entitled, and such apportionment shall be based upon the population as shown by the census to be taken in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, under the law of the United States, and if such census is not completed in time, then the apportionment shall be made according to the population as shown by the best information to be obtained. Said election shall be conducted in conformity to the laws of the Territory and of Congress; and the term of office of all township, county, and district officers shall expire upon the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy, and that of all officers elected as herein provided shall begin upon the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

Apportionment.

Term of office.

Next legislative assembly, where to meet.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the persons thus elected to the next legislative assembly shall meet at the Capitol on the second Wednesday in January, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

Governor may fill certain vacancies and make removals.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the governor shall fill by appointment all vacancies in township, county, or district offices in said Territory, until the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy; and until the same time he may remove township, county, and district officers, and fill their places whenever in his judgment the public interest will be promoted thereby.

Jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Arizona limited.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That justices of the peace in said Territory of Arizona shall not have jurisdiction of any matter in controversy where the title or boundaries of land may be in dispute, or where the debt or sum claimed shall exceed three hundred dollars.

APPROVED, March 23, 1870.

CHAP. XXX. — *An Act prescribing the Duty of the Secretary of the Treasury in certain Cases therein named.* March 25, 1870.

Moneys due from the United States to any State to be withheld, &c. if State is in default in payment of interest or principal on stocks, &c. issued, &c. by it, and held in trust by the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any State shall have been, or may be, in default in the payment of interest or principal on investments in stocks or bonds issued or guaranteed by such State and held by the United States in trust, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to retain the whole, or so much thereof as may be necessary, of any moneys due on any account from the United States to such State, and to apply the same to the payment of such principal and interest, or either, or to the reimbursement, with interest thereon, of moneys advanced by the United States on account of interest due on such stocks or bonds.

APPROVED, March 25, 1870.

CHAP. XXXI. — *An Act relating to Acknowledgments of Deeds or other Instruments of Writing in the District of Columbia.* March 25, 1870.

Acknowledgments of deeds, &c. of land in

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act the acknowledgment of any deed, contract, bond, or power of attorney, concerning lands in the District of Columbia, hereafter made

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