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Chap. X. — *An Act to authorize the Legislative Assemblies of the Territories of Oregon and Minnesota to take Charge of the School Lands in said Territories, and for other Purposes.*

Governments of Oregon and Minnesota authorized to take charge of the school lands therein.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the governors and legislative assemblies of the Territories of Oregon and Minnesota be, and they are hereby, authorized to make such laws and needful regulations as they shall deem most expedient to protect from injury and waste sections numbered sixteen and thirty-six in said Territories, reserved in each township for the support of schools therein. (*a*)

Grant of land for a university in Minnesota.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to set apart and reserve from sale, out of any of the public lands within the Territory of Minnesota to which the Indian title has been or may be extinguished, and not otherwise appropriated, a quantity of land not exceeding two entire townships, for the use and support of a university in said Territory, and for no other use or purpose whatsoever, to be located by legal subdivisions of not less than one entire section.

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Chap. XI. — *An Act to prescribe the Mode of obtaining Evidence in Cases of contested Elections.* (*b*)

Notice to be given of intention to contest any election of a member of the House of Representatives within thirty days after it is declared.

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, whenever any person shall intend to contest an election of any member of the House of Representatives of the United States, he shall, within thirty days after the result of such election shall have been determined by the officer or board of canvassers authorized by law to determine the same, give notice, in writing, to the member whose seat he designs to contest, of his intention to contest the same, and, in such notice, shall specify, particularly, the grounds upon which he relies in the contest: *Provided*, That in all elections for the thirty-second Congress heretofore held, any person intending to contest the same may give notice thereof within thirty days after the passage of this act.

Proviso.

Answer to be made to such notice.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any member upon whom the notice mentioned in the first section of this act may be served, shall, within thirty days after the service thereof, answer such notice, admitting or denying the facts alleged therein, and stating specifically any other grounds upon which he rests the validity of his election, and shall serve a copy of his answer upon the contestant.

By whom subpœnas are to be issued.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That when any such contestant or returned member shall be desirous of obtaining testimony respecting such election, it shall be lawful for him to make application to any judge of any court of the United States, or to any chancellor judge or justice of a court of record of any State, or to any mayor, recorder, or intendant of any town or city, which said officer shall reside within the congressional district in which such contested election was held, who shall thereupon issue his writ of subpœna, directed to all such witnesses as shall be named to him, requiring the attendance of such witnesses before him, at some time and place named in the subpœna, in order to be then and there examined respecting the said contested election, in the manner hereinafter provided.

(*a*) The reservation for Minnesota is in Stat. 1849, ch. 121, § 18, and for Oregon in Stat. 1848, ch. 177, § 20, and Stat. 1850, ch. 76, § 9.

(*b*) The prior acts on this subject are Stat. 1798, ch. 8, and Stat. 1800, ch. 28, which extends the former act for four years.

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