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## THE BANNER

A Bill for the organization of Nebraska

Territory.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and  
House of Representatives of the United  
States, in Congress assembled, that all  
that part of the territory of the United  
States included within the following limits,  
except such portions thereof as are  
hereafter expressly exempted from the op-  
erations of this act, to wit: beginning at  
a point in the Missouri river where the  
fortieth parallel of north latitude crosses  
the same; thence west on said parallel to  
the summit of the highland separating  
the waters flowing into Green river or  
Colorado of the west from the waters  
flowing into the great basin; thence north-  
ward on the said highland to the sum-  
mit of the Rocky mountains; thence on  
said summit northward to the forty-ninth  
parallel of north latitude; thence west on  
said parallel to the western boundary  
of the territory of Minnesota; thence  
southward on said boundary to the Mis-  
souri river; thence down the main chan-  
nel of said river to the place of beginning  
to, and the same is, hereby created into a  
temporary government by the name of  
the Territory of Nebraska; and when ad-  
mitted as a State or States, the said territory,  
or any portion of the same, shall be  
received into the Union, with or without  
slavery, as their constitution may pre-  
scribe at the time of their admission;  
Provided, that nothing in this act con-  
tained, shall be construed to inhibit the  
government of the United States from  
dividing said Territory into two or more  
territories in such manner and at such  
times as Congress may deem convenient  
and proper, or from attaching any por-  
tion of said Territory to any other State  
or territory of the United States. Pro-  
vided further, that nothing in this act con-  
tained, shall be construed to impair  
the rights of person or property now per-  
taining to the Indians in said territory, so  
long as such rights shall remain unextin-  
guished by treaty between the U. S. States  
and such Indians, or to include any ter-  
ritory, which by treaty with any Indian  
tribe is not without the consent of said  
tribe to be included within the territorial  
limits of jurisdiction of any State or ter-  
ritory; but all such territories out of the  
boundaries constitute no part of the ter-  
ritory of Nebraska, until said tribe shall  
signify their assent to the President of  
the United States to be included within  
the said territory of Nebraska, or to ef-  
fect the authority of the government of  
the United States to make any regula-  
tions respecting such Indians, their lands,  
property, or other rights, by treaty, law,  
or otherwise, which it would have been  
competent for the government to make if  
such act had never passed.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted,  
That the Executive power in and over  
said territory of Nebraska shall be vested  
in a governor, who shall hold his office  
for four years, and until his successor  
is appointed and qualified, unless sooner  
removed by the President of the United  
States. The governor shall reside  
within said territory, shall be command-  
er-in-chief of the militia thereof, shall  
perform the duties and receive the emol-  
uments of superintendent of Indian af-  
fairs, and shall approve of all laws passed  
by the legislative assembly before they  
shall take effect; he may grant pardons  
and reprieves for offences against the laws  
of said territory, and reprieves for offences  
against the laws of the United States  
until the decision of the President can be  
made known thereon; he shall commission  
all officers who shall be appointed to  
office under the laws of the said ter-  
ritory, and shall take care that the laws be  
faithfully executed.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted,  
That there shall be a Secretary of said  
territory, who shall reside therein, and hold  
his office for five years, unless sooner re-  
moved by the President of the U. States;  
he shall record and preserve all the laws  
and proceedings of the legislative assem-  
bly hereinafter constituted, and all the  
acts and proceedings of the governor in  
his executive department, he shall trans-  
mit one copy of the laws and journals of  
the legislative assembly within thirty  
days after the end of each session, and  
one copy of the executive proceedings  
and official correspondence semi-annual-  
ly on the first days of January and July in  
each year, to the President of the United

States, and two copies of the laws to the  
President of the Senate and to the Speaker  
of the House of Representatives, for  
the use of Congress. And, in case of the  
death, removal, resignation, or absence of  
the governor from the territory, the sec-  
retary shall be and is hereby authorized  
and required to execute and perform  
all the powers and duties of the governor  
during such vacancy or absence, or until  
another governor shall be duly appointed  
or qualified to fill such vacancy.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted,  
That the legislative power and authority  
of said territory shall be vested in the  
governor and a legislative assembly.—  
The legislative assembly shall consist of a  
council and a house of representatives.  
The council shall consist of thirteen mem-  
bers, having the qualifications of voters,  
as hereinbefore prescribed, whose terms of  
service shall continue two years. The  
house of representatives shall, at its first  
session, consist of twenty-six members,  
possessing the same qualifications as pre-  
scribed for members of the council, and  
whose term of service shall continue one  
year. The number of representatives  
may be increased by the legislative as-  
sembly, from time to time, in proportion to  
the increase of qualified voters: Pro-  
vided, that the whole number shall never  
exceed thirty-nine. An apportion-  
ment shall be made, as nearly equal as  
practicable, among the several counties  
or districts, for the election of council  
and representatives, giving to each section  
of the territory representation in the  
ratio of its qualified voters, as near as  
may be. And the members of the coun-  
cil and of the house of representatives  
shall reside in and be inhabitants of the  
district or county, or counties, for which  
they may be elected respectively. Pre-  
vious to the first election, the governor  
shall cause a census or enumeration of  
the inhabitants and qualified voters of  
the several counties or districts of the ter-  
ritory to be taken by such persons and in  
such mode, as the governor may designate  
and appoint; and the person so ap-  
pointed shall receive a reasonable com-  
pensation therefor. And the first elec-  
tion shall be held at such time and places,  
and be conducted in such manner,  
both as to persons who shall superintend  
such election and the returns thereof, as  
the governor shall appoint and direct;  
and he shall at the same time declare the  
number of members of the council and  
house of representatives to which each of  
the counties or districts shall be entitled  
under this act. The person having  
the highest number of legal votes in each of  
said council districts for members of the  
council, shall be declared by the govern-  
or, or duly elected to the council, and the  
persons having the highest number of legal  
votes for the house of Representatives,  
shall be declared by the Governor to be duly  
elected members of the house: Pro-  
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or otherwise, which it would have been  
competent for the government to make if  
such act had never passed.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted,  
That any free white male inhabitant above  
the age of twenty-one years, who shall be  
an actual resident of said territory, and  
shall possess the qualifications herein-  
prescribed, shall be entitled to a vote  
at the first election, and shall be eligible  
to any office within the said territory,  
but the qualifications of voters and of  
holding office, at all subsequent elections,  
shall be such as shall be prescribed by the  
legislative assembly: Provided, that the  
right of suffrage and of holding office shall  
be exercised only by citizens of the United  
States, and those who shall have de-  
clared on oath their intention to become  
such, and shall have taken an oath to sup-  
port the constitution of the U. S. and the  
provisions of this act: And provided  
further, that no officer, soldier, seaman,  
or marine, or other person in the army or  
navy of the United States, or attached to  
troops in the service of the United States,  
shall be allowed to vote or hold office in  
said territory, by reason of being on ser-  
vice therein for six months, unless said  
territory is and has been for that period  
otherwise his permanent domicil, resi-  
dence, habitation and home.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted,  
That the legislative power of the territory  
shall extend to all rightful subjects of  
legislation consistent with the constitutions  
of the United States and the provisions  
of this act; but no law shall be passed  
interfering with the primary disposal  
of the soil, no tax shall be imposed upon  
the property of the United States, nor  
shall the lands or other property of non-  
residents be taxed higher than the lands  
or other property of residents. All the  
laws passed by the legislative assembly  
and governor shall be submitted to the  
Congress of the United States, and if dis-  
approved shall be null and of no effect.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted,  
That the provisions of an act entitled "An  
act respecting fugitives from justice, and  
persons escaping from the service of their  
masters," approved February 12, 1793,  
and the provisions of an act entitled "An  
act to amend, and supplementary to  
which place, however, shall thereafter  
be subject to be changed by the said gov-

ernor and legislative assembly. And the  
sum of twenty thousand dollars, out of  
any money in the treasury not otherwise  
appropriated, is hereby appropriated and  
granted to said territory of Nebraska, to  
be there applied, by the governor, to the  
erection of suitable buildings at the seat  
of government.

Sec. 11. And be it further enacted,  
That there shall be appointed an attorney  
for said territory, who shall continue in  
office for four years, and until his suc-  
cessor shall be appointed and qualified,  
unless sooner removed by the President,  
and who shall receive the same fees and  
salary as the attorney of the United States  
for the territory of Utah. There shall  
also be a marshal for the territory ap-  
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