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.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That an election for members of the
next legislative assembly, and for all township, county, and district offi-
cers, 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 pre-
vious to said day. In said proclamation he shall declare the number of
members of each branch of the legislature to which each county or dis-
trict 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 De-
cember, eighteen hundred and seventy, and that of all officers elected as
herein provided shall begin upon the first day of January, eighteen hun-
dred and seventy-one.

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 Wednes-
day in January, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the governor shall fill by ap-
pointment 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.

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 con-
troversy 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.

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 neces-
sary, 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 inter-
est, 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.

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

APPROVED, March 25, 1873.