

February, A. D. 1849, and annually thereafter. The sheriffs of Jefferson and La Salle counties shall perform the same duties, and receive the same compensation as is required and provided for the sheriff of Sangamon county, until otherwise provided by law.

23. Nothing in this constitution shall prevent the general assembly from passing such laws in relation to the apprenticeship of minors, during their minority, as may be necessary and proper.

24. That the general assembly shall pass all laws necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this constitution.

25. Elections of judges of the supreme and circuit courts shall be subject to be contested.

26. Contested elections of judges of the supreme court shall be tried by the senate, and of judges of the circuit court by the supreme court, and the general assembly shall prescribe the manner of proceeding therein.

DONE in convention, at the Capitol, in the city of Springfield, on the thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and of the independence of the United States of America the seventy-second.

NEWTON CLOUD, *President.*

HENRY W. MOORE, *Secretary.*

HARMAN G. REYNOLDS, *Assistant Secretary.*

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## CONSTITUTION OF ALABAMA.

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WE, the people of the Alabama Territory, having the right of admission into the general government, as a member of the Union, consistent with the constitution of the United States, by our representatives assembled in convention at the town of Huntsville, on Monday the fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, in pursuance of an act of congress, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Alabama territory to form a constitution and state government, and for the admission of such state into the Union, on an equal footing with the original states:" in order to establish justice, insure tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure to ourselves and our posterity the rights of life, liberty, and property, do ordain and establish the following constitution, or form of government; and do mutually agree with each other to form ourselves into a free and independent state, by the name of "the State of Alabama." And we do hereby recognise, confirm, and establish the boundaries assigned to said state by the act of congress aforesaid, "to wit: beginning at the point where the thirty-first degree of north latitude intersects the Perdido river, thence, east, to the western boundary line of the state of Georgia, thence, along said line, to the southern boundary line of the state of Tennessee; thence, west, along said boundary line, to the Tennessee river; thence up the same to the mouth of Bear creek; thence, by a direct line, to the north-west corner of Washington county; thence, due south, to the Gulf of Mexico; thence eastwardly, including all islands within six leagues of the shore, to the Perdido river: and thence up the same, to the beginning"—subject to such alteration as is provided in the third section of said act of congress, and subject to such enlargement as may be made by law in consequence of any cession of territory by the United States, or either of them.