

Government for Arizona Territory

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A Bill

To provide a temporary government for the Territory of Arizona

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that all that part of the present territory of New Mexico situate west of a line, running due South from the point when the South West corner of the Territory of Colorado joins the Northern boundary of the Territory of New Mexico, to the southern boundary line of said Territory of New Mexico, be and the same is hereby erected into a temporary government by the name of the Territory of Arizona, Provided that nothing contained in the provisions of this act shall be construed to prohibit the Congress of the United States from dividing said Territory or changing its boundaries, in such manner and at such time as it may deem proper. Provided further that said Government shall be maintained and continued until such time as the people residing in said territory, shall with the consent of Congress, form a State Government, republican in form, as prescribed in the Constitution of the United States, and apply for and obtain admission with the Union as a State on an equal footing with the original States. ~~and the State or States which may be erected out of said Territory shall be formed with the express stipulation on that after their admission they shall forever remain part of the American Union subject to the Constitution of the United states, and such amendments as shall be constitutionally made, and to all act and ordinance of the United States in Congress assembled, conformable thereto~~ ~~States or foreign nations for the purpose of making war on the United States shall terminate their legal existence as that Government and remain thereto a territorial condition subject to the Government and Control of Congress.~~

Section 2. And be it further enacted, that the Government hereby authorized shall consist of an Executive, Legislative and Judicial power. The Executive shall be vested in a Governor. The Legislative power shall consist of a Council of nine members and a House of Representatives of eighteen. The Judicial power shall be vested in a Supreme Court, to consist of three Judges, and such inferior courts as the Legislative Council may by law prescribe—there shall also be a Secretary, a Marshal a District Attorney and a Surveyor General for said Territory, who together with the Governor and Judges of the Supreme Court shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the team of office for each, the names of their appointment, and the powers, duties, and the compensation of the Governor, Legislative Assembly, Judges of the Supreme Court, Secretary, Marshal, District Attorney and Surveyor General aforesaid with their Clerks, Draughtsman, Deputies and Sergeant at Arms, shall be such as are conferred upon the same officers by the act organizing the which subordinate officers shall be appointed in the same manner and not exceed in number those created by said Act Territorial Government of Washington and which where it is not inapplicable, is hereby extended to the Territory of Arizona.

Section 3. And be it further enacted, that there shall neither be slavery nor involuntarily servitude in the said Territory, otherwise than ~~for~~ in the punishment of

crimes, whereof the parties shall have been duly convicted, and that from and after the passage of this Act Slavery or involuntary servitude is hereby forever prohibited in all territories now organized ~~[[strikethrough]]~~ or which may hereafter be organized and in all arsenals, ports, and dock yards of the United States, ~~[[/strikethrough]]~~ and all acts and parts of Acts, Either of Congress or of any organized territory, Establishing, regulating or in anyway recognizing the relation of Master and Slave in any of said territories is hereby repealed.

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Read twice ordered to the presented and recommitted to the Committee on the Territories.

Mr. Ashley from the Committee on the Territories reported the following bill.

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