

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MARCH 25, 1872.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WHITELEY, on leave, introduced the following bill:

A BILL

To provide for the enforcement of the second section of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the President shall appoint a superintendent of elections
4 for each State that, by its constitution or laws, or by the
5 operation of the same, denies or in any way abridges the
6 right of the male inhabitants thereof, being twenty-one years
7 of age and citizens of the United States, to vote at any elec-
8 tion for electors of President and Vice-President of the United
9 States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial
10 officers of the State, or the members of the legislature thereof.

1 SEC. 2. That the superintendents of elections shall
2 appoint a supervisor of elections for each congressional dis-

3 trict in such State, whose duty it shall be to appoint an assist-
4 ant supervisor for each polling place or precinct in the
5 congressional district.

1 SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the assistant super-
2 visors to attend at the polling places or precincts to which
3 they are respectively assigned on the day or days of elections
4 named, and to preside and remain thereat with the persons
5 who may hold or preside at such elections under and by vir-
6 tue of the laws of the State, and to occupy, during the elec-
7 tion and until the final count of the vote cast thereat and the
8 return of the same, such position as will enable them, respect-
9 ively, to see how and in what manner such election is con-
10 ducted, and who is denied or abridged in the right to vote
11 thereat.

1 SEC. 4. That the assistant supervisors shall keep, respect-
2 ively, an accurate list of every male inhabitant of the State
3 being twenty-one years of age and a citizen of the United
4 States who is denied, or in any way abridged, in the right to
5 vote at such polling place or precinct; and said assistant
6 supervisors shall meet at the county-seat of their respective
7 counties, and consolidate the returns from their respective
8 polling places or precincts, within three days from such elec-
9 tion, and shall, as soon as practicable, forward the returns so
10 consolidated to the supervisor of elections for the congres-
11 sional district.

1 SEC. 5. That the supervisors of elections for each con-
2 gressional district shall, as soon as practicable, consolidate the
3 returns from the several counties in their respective districts,
4 and forward the same to the superintendent of elections, who
5 shall consolidate the returns from the entire State, and forward
6 the same to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1 SEC. 6. That the Speaker of the House of Representa-
2 tives shall immediately lay said returns before the House, and
3 shall appoint a special committee to consider the same, whose
4 duty it shall be to re-apportion the representation of such
5 State in the proportion which the number of the male inhab-
6 itants of such State twenty-one years of age and citizens of
7 the United States denied, or in any way abridged, of their
8 right to vote, shall bear to the whole number of male citizens
9 twenty-one years of age in such State.

1 SEC. 7. That upon the re-apportionment of representa-
2 tion to such State an election shall be held for Representatives
3 therein and in such manner as may be provided by law.

1 SEC. 8. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with
2 this act are hereby repealed.

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