

Northwest Territory Bill [HR-14]
July 21, 1789

AN ACT to provide for the GOVERNMENT of the TERRITORY,
North-West of the River OHIO

WHEREAS, in order that the ordinance of the United States in Congress assembled, for the government of the territory, north-west of the river Ohio, may continue to have full effect, it is requisite that certain provisions should be made so as to adapt the same to the present Constitution of the United States:

[1] BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, That in all cases in which by the said ordinance any information is to be given, or communication made by the Governor of the said territory, to the United States in Congress assembled, or to any of their officers, it shall be the duty of the said Governor to give such information, and to make such communication to the President of the United States; and all appointments to offices which by the said ordinance were to have been made by the United States in Congress assembled, shall be made by the President of the United States with the advice and consent of the Senate,¹ and all officers so appointed shall be commissioned by him; and in all cases where the United States in Congress assembled, might by the said ordinance, revoke any commission, or remove from any office, the President² is hereby declared to have the same powers of revocation and removal.

[2] AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That in case of the death, removal, resignation, or necessary absence of the Governor of the said territory, the Secretary thereof, shall,³ and he is hereby authorized and required, to execute all the powers, and perform all the duties of the Governor, during the vacancy occasioned by the removal, resignation, or necessary absence of the said Governor.

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