

east and best route, to Columbus city, in the county of Louisa; thence, on the nearest and best route, to Crawfordsville, in the county of Washington; thence, on the nearest and best route, to Washington.

SEC. 2. When to meet. Said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at Grandview, in Louisa county, on the first Monday of March next, or on any day within three months thereafter, and proceed to discharge their duties.

SEC. 3. Surveyor of Louisa county—compensation. The county surveyor of Louisa county, is hereby appointed surveyor of said state road. The said commissioners, surveyor, and the necessary assistants, shall receive such compensation as the board of commissioners of the county of Louisa and the county of Washing-[46]-ton shall respectively determine, for the services rendered in their respective counties.

SEC. 4. Take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 8th, 1847.

CHAPTER 35.

TERRITORIAL ROAD.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to locate a territorial road therein named," approved, January 17th, 1846.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Act amended—when to be established. That an act entitled "An act to locate a territorial road therein named," approved January 17th, 1846, be so amended as to allow the commissioners appointed by said act to complete the location and establishment of said road, at any time prior to the first day of July, 1847.

SEC. 2. Take effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 8th, 1847.

CHAPTER 36.

CHANGING NAMES.

AN ACT to confer the authority of changing the names of persons, towns and villages upon the district court.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the district court shall have the authority to change names of persons, and the names of towns and villages within this state.

SEC 2. Petition to be filed—contents—duty of district court—notice—change made. That any person desiring to change his or her name, may file a petition in the district court in the county in which such person may be a resident, setting forth—first, that the petitioner has been a bona fide citizen of such county at least one year previous to the filing of the petition—second, the cause for

which the change of petitioner's name is sought—third, the new name which may be asked for. And it shall be the duty of the district court, at any term thereof after the filing of such petition, upon being duly satisfied by proof in open court of the truth of the facts set forth in the petition, and that there exists proper and reasonable cause for changing the name of the petitioner; and [47] that thirty days previous notice of the intended application to the court had been duly given in some newspaper in such county, and, if no paper be printed in said county, then in the paper printed nearest the county seat of said county, to order and direct a change of the name of such petitioner, and that an order for that purpose be made upon the journals of such court.

SEC. 3. Names of towns—petition—notice—duty of court. That whenever it may be desirable to change the name of any town or village in any county in this state, a petition for that purpose may in like manner be filed in the district court for such county, signed by at least twelve landholders of the vicinity, setting forth the cause why such change is desirable, and the name prayed to be substituted; and the court, upon being satisfied by proof that the petition is just and reasonable, and that notice, as required in the foregoing section, had been given, and that the inhabitants of such town or village, or three-fourths thereof, desire such change, and that there is no other town or village in this state of the same name with that which is prayed for, may order a change of the name of such town or village as prayed for in the petition.

SEC. 4. Duty of clerk—costs—proviso. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the district court to keep a separate book for recording the proceedings under this act; and all proceedings under this act shall be had at the cost of the petitioners: provided, always, that any change of names under the provisions of this act shall not in any manner affect or alter any right of action, legal process or property.

Approved, February 8th, 1847.

CHAPTER 37.

LOAN.

AN ACT to provide for a loan, for the purpose of defraying the expenses, and paying the creditors of the state.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Money to be borrowed—time—rate. That there shall be borrowed, for the purpose of paying the current expenses of the state government, and to pay certain classes of debts hereinafter named, the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars, for a term not exceeding ten years, at a rate of interest not exceeding ten per centum per annum, payable semi-annually; the payment of the interest and the reimbursement of the principal, to be made at such place within the United States as may be agreed upon.

SEC. 2. Bonds—how signed. The governor of the state is authorized and required to is-[48]-sue bonds, for and in behalf of the state, for the sum or sums of money which may be borrowed under the provisions of this act, stipulating for the payment of the interest and principal, in manner and form as may be agreed on, not contrary to the provisions of this act; which bonds shall be signed by the governor, and countersigned by the auditor of public accounts.

SEC. 3. Faith of state pledged—revenue set apart—no tax on said bonds—value not to be impaired. The state doth hereby irrevocably pledge its faith to