

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

Approved, February 11th, 1847.

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CHAPTER 44.

STATE ROAD.

**AN ACT** to locate and establish a state road from Iowa City to the west line of Dallas county.

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

**SECTION 1. Commissioners—duties.** That Edward Ricord, of Iowa county, Nathan Williams, of Jasper county, and A. D. Jones, of Polk county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and establish a state road, commencing at a point where the county road of Johnson county crosses Old Man's creek, near the house of James M'Crea, on section 31, township 79, north, range 6 west; thence, on the nearest and best route, to the county seat of Jasper county; thence to the county seat of Polk county; thence to the county seat of Dallas county; and thence to the west line of Dallas county, in the direction of Council Bluffs, on the Missouri river.

**SEC. 2. Surveyor—compensation.** That A. D. Jones, of the county of Polk, one of the commissioners named in the preceding section, shall act as surveyor in the location of said road, and shall receive such additional compensation as the county commissioners of the several counties shall deem reasonable.

**SEC. 3. When to meet.** Said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at the commencement of said road, on the first day of April next, or within three months thereafter, and proceed to locate and establish said road agreeably to the provisions of an act for laying out and opening territorial roads, approved, December 27, 1838.

Approved, February 12th, 1847.

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[57] CHAPTER 45.

SKUNK RIVER.

**AN ACT** to provide for the navigation of Skunk river.

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

**SECTION 1. Navigable.** That Skunk river from the forks thereof, in Keokuk county, to its mouth, is hereby declared a navigable stream.

**SEC. 2. Obstructions—may be indicted—fine—proviso—slope—dimensions—where placed—who to designate—to be sworn—refusing to serve; forfeit—amount—how recovered.** That any person or persons who shall in any wise obstruct or interrupt the navigation of said river, below the said forks, or continue such obstruction or interruption, may be indicted in any county bordering or touching upon said river; and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred dollars, to be assessed by the jury: provided, that no person shall be liable for an obstruction or interruption occa-