

SEC. 13. Rules. In the absence of other rules, the rules of parliamentary practice, comprised in Jefferson's Manual, shall govern the convention.

SEC. 14. To take effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the weekly newspapers printed in Iowa City.

Approved, February 23d, 1847.

Published in the Reporter April 7th, and in the Standard April 14th, 1847.

CHAPTER 78.

STATE GOVERNMENT.

AN ACT to complete the change from a territorial to a state government.

Preamble. Whereas, by our present laws, writs are directed to run in the name of the United States of America, and in many other ways the federal government is, by those laws, regarded as the sovereign authority, and ourselves as a dependent territory; and whereas, in order to assume fully the attitude of our independent state, it is proper that our laws and judicial proceedings should be accommodated to our new condition, in shape as well as in substance; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Style of writs. That all writs which have heretofore run in the name of "the United States of America," shall hereafter run in the name of "the state of Iowa."

SEC. 2. Bond and recognizances. A like change shall be made in bonds and recognizances executed to the public, and in all other cases where a similar reason exists, and where such change shall be proper to carry into effect the object of this law.

SEC. 3. The word territory. The word territory shall be changed to the word state, under like circumstances.

SEC. 4. Writs and proceedings made valid. All writs and other proceedings and instruments wherein, since the adoption of our state constitution, and before the taking effect of this law, the changes above authorized shall have been or may hereafter be made, shall be deemed as valid as though this act had all the while been in force.

SEC. 5. Acts and resolutions made valid. That all acts and resolutions passed by the general assembly of the state of Iowa, prior to her admission into the union, shall be [95] considered as valid and effectual, in all respects, as if passed and approved subsequent to her admission.

SEC. 6. To take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of April next, and shall forthwith be published in the newspapers of Iowa City.

Approved, February 23rd, 1847.

Published in the Standard Mar. 3d, 1847, and in the Reporter Mar. 17th, 1847.

CHAPTER 79.

FARMINGTON.

AN ACT to incorporate the city of Farmingham, Van Buren county, Iowa.

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

SECTION 1. Limits of the corporation—title—may sue, etc.—hold property—seal. That all that part or tract of land lying in township sixty-eight north,