

**SEC. 24. Fire companies.** The mayor and board of aldermen shall have power to organize and establish fire companies, and the members thereof shall be exempt from performing military duty in time of peace.

**SEC. 25. Repealing section.** An act for the incorporation of the town of Farmington, Van Buren county, Iowa territory, approved January 11th, 1841, and all acts amendatory thereto, be and the same are hereby repealed.

**SEC. 26. To take effect.** This act to take effect from and after its passage. Approved, February 22d, 1847.

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[101] CHAPTER 80.

BELLVIEW.

AN ACT to change the name of Bellview, in Jackson county.

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

**SECTION 1. Name changed.** That the name of the town of "Bellview," in the county of Jackson, be changed to that of "Bellevue."

**SEC. 2. To take effect.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the weekly newspapers printed in Dubuque.

Approved, February 23rd, 1847.

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CHAPTER 81.

INCORPORATIONS.

AN ACT to authorize general incorporations.

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

**SECTION 1. Incorporation.** That any number of persons may hereafter incorporate themselves for the transaction of any business which may be the lawful subject of a general partnership, including the establishment of ferries, the construction of railroads, and other works of internal improvement.

**SEC. 2. Regulations.** They may make such regulations as they please in relation to the management of their business, not incompatible with an honest and legal purpose.

**SEC. 3. Transfer.** They may render their individual interest in the corporation transferable.

**SEC. 4. Death of members.** The death of any of its members shall not terminate the corporation.

**SEC. 5. May sue—seal.** They may sue and be sued in their corporate name, and have a common seal.

**SEC. 6. Private property.** They may exempt private property from corporate debts, and may hold, buy and sell real estate: provided, the requisitions of this act are substantially complied with.

**SEC. 7. Articles to be recorded—certificate filed.** Previous to commencing business they shall adopt articles of incorporation, which shall be recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds in the county where the principal place of business is; and, further, all corporations for the purpose of constructing railroads, canals and other works of internal improvement, shall file a certified copy of their articles of association in the office of the secretary.