

[174] **SEC. 3. How applied.** That said money shall be applied in the manner best calculated to secure the said buildings and prevent their injury.

Approved, February 25th, 1847.

CHAPTER 116.

DISTRICT COURTS.

AN ACT fixing the times of holding district courts in the first judicial district.

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

SECTION 1. Time of courts. That from and after the first day of January, one thousand, eight hundred and forty-eight, the times of holding district courts in the several counties of the first judicial district of this state, shall be as follows:

Louisa county. In Louisa county, on the first Mondays in March and September;

Washington. In Washington county, on the second Mondays in March and September;

Henry. In Henry county, on the third Mondays in March and September;

Des Moines. In Des Moines county, on the first Mondays in April and October;

Lee. In Lee county, on the first Monday in February, fourth Monday in May, and first Monday in November.

Approved, February 24th, 1847.

CHAPTER 117.

TOWNS.

AN ACT incorporating towns.

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

SECTION 1. Petition—proviso. That whenever the inhabitants of any town wish to become incorporated for the better regulation of their internal police, it shall be lawful for the qualified voters who shall have resided six months therein to petition to the board of county commissioners in the county in which such town is situate to that effect: provided, such towns exceed in population five hundred inhabitants.

SEC. 2. Election—notice. When a majority of all the qualified voters who shall live within the limits of such proposed incorporation shall have signed said petition, and the same is presented to said board, they shall order an election to be held at the usual place of holding elections in said town, on some day within one month from that time, for the purpose of electing five trustees of such incorporation, of which said board shall [175] cause ten days' notice to be given by written advertisements to be put up in three of the most public places in said town.

SEC. 3. Election. At the meeting of said qualified voters for the election of trustees, they shall first proceed to elect a chairman and a clerk of said meeting, who, after being duly qualified, shall proceed to open a poll and receive the legal votes of the town for five trustees; and, also "for incorporating" and "against incorporating" said town; and, if a majority of the votes