

[Chap. 71.]

AN ACT to regulate the admission of attorneys.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That any attorney, counsellor of law, or solicitor in chancery, who may have been admitted and licensed to practice law in any other state or territory in the United States, may be admitted to practice law in the several courts of law and equity within this territory: *Provided,* That any such applicant for admission as aforesaid, shall produce satisfactory evidence to the court of his previous admission as aforesaid, and correct moral character.

Attorneys,
&c. from other
states admit-
ted to
practice.

SEC. 2. That no person except as in first section provided, shall be admitted an attorney and counsellor of law within this territory, unless he shall have previously obtained a licence for that purpose from any two of the judges of the supreme court, which licence shall constitute the person receiving the same an attorney and counsellor at law, and shall authorize him to appear in all superior and inferior courts of record in this territory. But no person shall be entitled to receive a licence as aforesaid, until he shall undergo a thorough and satisfactory examination by said judges, and produce satisfactory evidence of his correct, moral character.

No person ad-
mitted attorney
unless.

SEC. 3. That all admissions to practice law within this territory, shall be by the supreme or district courts in session.

Mode of ad-
mission.

SEC. 4. That the clerks of the several courts of law and equity within this territory, are hereby required to keep a roll of every attorney and counsellor of law or solicitor in chancery who may be admitted to practice in their respective courts.

Clerks to keep
roll.

SEC. 5. That every attorney or counsellor of law who shall be admitted to practice as such before he receives his certificate of admission, shall take an oath to support the constitution of the United States, and faithfully to demean himself in the practice of his profession to the best of his knowledge and ability; and said oath shall be endorsed and certified on his certificate of admission by the clerk of the court before whom the oath was taken.

Oath.

SEC. 6. The supreme or any district court may revoke the license granted to any attorney or counsellor of law, or may suspend any attorney or counsellor of law from practising as such for a limited

time for any deceit, malpractice, or other gross misconduct, and each attorney and counsellor of law for any deceit, malpractice, or other gross misconduct, shall be liable in damages to the party injured thereby, and to such other punishment as may be provided by law: *Provided always*, That every attorney, before his licence shall be revoked, or before he shall be suspended from practising as aforesaid, shall receive a written notice from the clerk of the court, stating distinctly the grounds of complaint, or the charges exhibited against him, and he shall, after such notice, be heard in his defence, and be allowed reasonable time to collect and prepare testimony for his justification.

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AN ACT to establish a university at the town of Mt. Pleasant, in Henry county.

Trustees.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That there shall be established at the town of Mount Pleasant, in the county of Henry, a university for the purpose of education of youth, the style, name and title whereof shall be the Iowa university; and the said university shall be under the management of twenty-one trustees, to wit: Charles Mason, J. H. Randolph, E. Killpatrick, Revd. Samuel Hutton, Robert Caulk, George Miller, jr., John S. Stephenson, Lyman Chase, Aaron Street, sen., Joseph B. Teas, Elisha Bell, Joseph Forbes, T. Y. Qualls, D. J. M. Robertson, Revd. Alexander Ewing, Samuel C. Reed, Isham Keith, Samuel Shuffleton, Edward Thomas, Philip Viele, William R. Ross, and they and all further trustees shall continue in place during the pleasure of the legislature, and all vacancies which may occur from time to time be supplied by the legislature.

Name.

SEC. 2. The said trustees and their successors shall forever hereafter be and they are hereby established and declared to be a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession in deed and in law to all intents and purposes whatsoever, by the name, style and title of the trustees of the Iowa University, by which name and title they and their successors shall be capable at law and in equity of suing and