

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NORMAL SCHOOL AT LE MARS, PLYMOUTH COUNTY, IOWA  
AND APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. That a school for the special instruction and training of teachers for the com-  
2 mon schools of this state is hereby established at Le Mars, in Plymouth county, and that the  
3 sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, be  
4 and is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated,  
5 for the purchase and preparation of grounds, and for the erection and completion of suitable  
6 buildings thereon, and for furnishing and equipping the same and for expenses provided for  
7 in this act.

SEC. 2. That the governor of the state shall, as speedily as practicable, after the taking  
2 effect of this act, appoint by and with the consent of the executive council, three suitable  
3 persons, residents of the state of Iowa, who shall constitute a board of commissioners for the  
4 purpose of procuring suitable grounds and erecting necessary buildings for the school pro-  
5 vided for in this act. The persons so appointed shall be subject to removal by the governor,  
6 and in case of avacancy by death, resignation or otherwise, the governor shall fill such  
7 vacancy by appointment.

SEC. 3. The board of commissioners provided for in section 2 hereof shall, as speedily after  
2 their appointment as practicable, determine the location of, and purchase or procure the site  
3 for such school. The site for such school shall consist of not less than ten acres of land, and  
4 shall be so located as to secure an abundant supply of good water, and an opportunity for  
5 proper and efficient drainage, and no gratuity or donation shall be received as an inducement  
6 to such location, except a donation of ten acres of land.

SEC. 4. That the deeds for the conveyance of such site shall be executed to the state of  
2 Iowa, shall convey an absolute title in fee simple, and be accompanied by an abstract show-  
3 ing title in the grantor or grantors at the time of the execution of such deeds, and when so  
4 executed shall be deposited with the auditor of state.

SEC. 5. The said board of commissioners shall, as soon as practicable, procure and adopt  
2 plans and specifications and estimates for buildings for the use of such school.

SEC. 6. That as soon as the plans for such buildings are adopted and the drawings and

2 specifications therefor have been completed and procured, said board of commissioners shall  
3 invite bids or proposals for the material, labor, and construction of such buildings by adver-  
4 tisement to be published for thirty days in four daily papers published within the state, one  
5 of which shall be published at the city of Des Moines; and the said board of commissioners  
6 shall have power to prescribe such rules and forms for the making and securing of bids as  
7 they shall deem best; and all contracts shall be let to the lowest bidder complying with the  
8 rules and forms prescribed by said board of commissioners.

SEC. 7. That the said board of commissioners shall employ a competent architect and  
2 superintendent of construction, who may in the descretion of said board be the same person,  
3 and who shall receive such compensation as the said board may by agreement determine.

SEC. 8. The accounts and expenditures in the construction of the buildings shall be cer-  
2 tified to by the superintendent and audited and approved by the board of commissioners,  
3 and then paid by warrants on the state auditor, drawn in the usual manner, in favor of the  
4 party to whom payment may be due, and the board is authorized to advance and pay on con-  
5 tracts before the same are completely performed, not exceeding seventy-five (75) per cent  
6 on estimates of material delivered and labor performed.

SEC. 9. Before entering upon his duties, each commissioner shall take and sign an oath,  
2 and execute a bond in the penal sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars for the use of the state  
3 of Iowa, to be approved by the governor, and filed in the office of secretary of state, condi-  
4 tioned for the faithful performance of his duties, and the honest and faithful disbursement  
5 of, and accounting for all moneys which may come into his hands under the provisions of  
6 this act.

SEC. 10. The commissioners shall receive the sum of five dollars per day for the time  
2 actually spent in the discharge of their duties, and their actual traveling expenses; for such  
3 time and expenses they shall render account under oath.

SEC. 11. That the said board of commissioners shall appoint a secretary from their num-  
2 ber, who shall keep a record of all their proceedings of said board, and an account of all ex-  
3 penditures.

SEC. 12. The school shall be under the management of the board of directors, and their  
2 successors in office, provided for in chapter 129 of the laws of the sixteenth general assembly,  
3 and said board shall have the same powers and qualifications and perform the same duties,  
4 and shall be subject to the same restrictions. One additional director shall be elected by  
5 the general assembly for two years, who shall be a resident of Plymouth county, and  
6 who shall act as a member of said board in all matters relating to the school provided for  
7 in this act.

SEC. 13. As soon as practicable after the passage of this act, said board of directors shall  
2 organize such school at Le Mars, and such school shall be conducted in the building now oc-

3 cupied by the Northwestern Normal school, until the buildings provided for in this act shall  
4 be erected and accepted by the board of commissioners, *Provided*, the owner of the building in  
5 which said Northwestern Normal school is now being conducted shall lease and deliver poses-  
6 sion of the same to the state of Iowa for such purpose, free of rent, until such time as said  
7 new building shall be completed and accepted; and upon the erection and acceptance of the  
8 new buildings provided for in this act, by the board of commissioners, the said board of di-  
9 rectors shall as soon as practicable, provide for the maintenance of said school in such build-  
10 ings, and in the management of such school they shall in all respects be governed by the  
11 provisions of chapter 129 of the laws of the sixteenth general assembly.

SEC. 14. In addition to the money which is hereby set apart for the purposes of this act  
2 from the general funds of the state, the following sums are hereby appropriated for the estab-  
3 lishment and maintenance of such school during the two years immediately following the  
4 passage of this act:

5	For necessary improvements and repairs and for salaries of teachers and employes	\$22,500.
6	For contingent expenses	2,500.

7 The amount appropriated for repairs and improvements and contingent expenses may be  
8 paid at any time upon the order of the board; the remaining sums shall be paid in equal  
9 quarterly payments commencing May 1st, 1890.

SEC. 15. The said board shall make, at the end of each school year, to the governor, a de-  
2 tailed report of their proceedings during the year; their report shall also contain the num-  
3 ber of teachers employed in the school, with the compensation of each, the number of pupils,  
4 classified; the amount of receipts and expenditures and the items thereof, with such other  
5 information and recommendations as they may deem expedient, which report shall be em-  
6 bodied in the superintendent's report to the general assembly.

SEC. 16. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force from and  
2 after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published  
3 at Des Moines, Iowa.