

## A BILL

### FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NORMAL SCHOOL AT HUMESTON, WAYNE COUNTY, IOWA.

WHEREAS, There is an urgent necessity in southern Iowa for the establishment of a normal school for the training and instruction of teachers in our common schools; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Humeston have and hold thirteen acres of land beautifully located and situated within the corporate limits of the town of Humeston, Wayne County, Iowa, and have erected thereon suitable buildings to accommodate three hundred pupils. Said buildings are all new, having been erected August, 1889; the furniture and fixtures all being new and of the latest and most approved patterns, and have maintained therein a normal school called: The Humeston Normal College and Commercial Institute; and

WHEREAS, The owners of said property do promise and agree and by these covenants do bind themselves to convey unto the state of Iowa a good and lawful title, in fee simple, without cost or reservation, all the above described property. *Provided*, the state of Iowa will accept and maintain a state normal school at said point; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Humeston have executed to the state of Iowa a bond in the sum of twenty thousand dollars for the execution and delivery to the state of Iowa a deed of conveyance, with the covenants of a general warranty, together with an abstract of title to said property; therefore

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

SECTION 1. That at a school for the instruction of teachers for the common schools of Iowa be and the same is hereby established for the southern portion of the state, and located at Humeston, Wayne county, Iowa.

SEC. 2. Said school shall be under the management and control of a board of directors, consisting of six members, no two of whom shall be from the same county. They shall be elected by the general assembly at the first election. Two for two years, two for four years and two for six years, and thereafter two for the term of six years, as the terms of office of the respective classes expire. Their term of office shall commence on the first day of June following their election. No member of the board shall be employed in the school nor receive any compensation for his services except as provided by law. Any vacancy in the board shall be filled by the executive council.

SEC. 3. The board shall convene at the call of the superintendent of public instruction on or before June 15th, 1890, and have each qualified according to law, shall organize by the election of a president and vice-president, from their own number, and a secretary and treasurer, who shall not be selected from the members of the board. The secretary and treasurer shall hold their respective offices for one year and shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the board, not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the board of directors to provide for and carry out the object for which the school is established to the utmost of their ability. For that purpose they shall take possession of the property donated to the state for the use of such school, employ competent and suitable teachers and other employes.

They shall have full control of all the property of the state coming into their hands for the use of said school, including the disbursement of all moneys which may be received by the treasurer. They shall make all necessary rules for the management and government of the school and for the custody and control of its property. They shall provide for the admission of pupils from the several counties of the state upon such basis of apportionment as the board shall establish. They shall establish and publish uniform rules for the admission of pupils, and such rules shall in all cases require satisfactory evidence of the good character of the applicant. They shall require all pupils admitted to the school to sign a statement of their intention in good faith to follow the business of teaching in the schools of Iowa. Pupils not willing to sign such a declaration may be admitted to the school upon the payment of such tuition as the board may determine. The board shall make all suitable and necessary arrangements to the extent of the means at their disposal, for the lodging and boarding of pupils, but at the cost of said pupils. They shall require such pupils to pay a fee not exceeding one dollar per month, for contingent expenses. The school shall be open during such part of the year as the board shall determine, but the session shall not be less than twenty-six weeks. The board of directors, may at their discretion, charge the pupils with a tuition fee not exceeding six dollars per term. If such charge shall be necessary for the proper support of the school; *provided*, they have so stated in the "uniform rules" required to be published by this section.

SEC. 5. The treasurer shall give bond in such sum as the board may require, to be approved by and filed with said board. He shall receive all moneys appropriated to said school or due to it from any source, and he shall disburse the same under the direction of the board.

SEC. 6. The board of directors shall at the end of each school year make to the state superintendent of public instruction a detailed report of their proceedings during the year. These reports shall also show the number of teachers employed in the school, with the compensation of each, the number of pupils properly classified, the amount of the receipts and expenditures, with such information and recommendations as they may deem advisa-

6 ble; which reports shall be embodied in that of the state superintendent of public instruc-  
7 tion to the general assembly.

SEC. 7. The principals and the presidents of the boards of directors of the several nor-  
2 mal schools of the state of Iowa, together with the state superintendent of public instruc-  
3 tion, shall constitute an advisory faculty, for the purpose of securing uniformity in the  
4 rules, regulations and course of study in said school.

SEC. 8. The property to be received from the citizens of Humeston is hereby set apart  
2 for the purpose of maintaining a state normal school at that place. There is also hereby  
3 appropriated for the maintenance thereof: for salaries of teachers and employes, \$10,000;  
4 for repairs and improvements, \$800; for contingent expenses, \$1,200; for library, \$1,000. The  
5 amount appropriated for repairs and improvements may be made at any time on the order  
6 of the board; the remaining sums shall be paid in equal quarterly payments, commencing  
7 September 1st, 1890.

SEC. 9. This act, being deemed of immediate-importance, shall take effect and be in force  
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspa-  
3 pers published in Des Moines.