

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORMAL SCHOOL AT CHEROKEE,  
CHEROKEE COUNTY, IOWA, AND FOR AN APPROPRIATION 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 common schools of this state is hereby established at Cherokee, in Cherokee county, and that the sum of seventy-five thousand (\$75,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase and preparation of grounds and for the erection and completion of suitable buildings thereon, and for furnishing and equipping the same, and for expenses provided in this act.

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

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

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

SEC. 5. That said board of commissioners shall, as soon as practicable, procure and adopt 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 are completed and procured, said board of commissioners shall invite  
3 bids or proposals for the material, labor, and construction of such buildings, by advertisement  
4 to be published for thirty days in four daily papers published within the state, one of which  
5 shall be published in the city of Des Moines; and the said board of commissioners shall  
6 have power to prescribe such rules and forms for the making and securing of bids as they  
7 may 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 discretion of said board, be the same per-  
3 son, and who shall receive such compensation as the said board may by agreement deter-  
4 mine.

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  
4 the party to whom payment may be due, and the board is authorized to advance and pay  
5 on contracts, before the same are completely performed, not exceeding seventy-five (75) per  
6 cent on estimates of materials 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  
3 state of Iowa, to be approved by the governor and filed in the office of the secretary of state,  
4 conditional for the faithful performance of his duties, and the honest and faithful disburse-  
5 ment of, and accounting for, all moneys which may come into his hands under the provisions  
6 of this act.

SEC. 10. The commissioners shall receive the sum of five (\$5) per day for the time actually  
2 spent in the discharge of their duties, and their actual traveling expenses; for such time and  
3 expenses they shall render account under oath.

SEC. 11. That the said board of commissioners shall appoint a secretary from among their  
2 number, who shall keep a record of the proceedings of said board and an account of all  
3 expenditures.

SEC. 12. The school shall be under the management of the board of directors, and their suc-  
2 cessors in office provided for in chapter 129 of the laws of the sixteenth general assembly, and  
3 said board shall have the same powers and qualifications, and perform the same duties, and  
4 shall be subject to the same restrictions. One additional director shall be elected by the gen-  
5 eral assembly for two years, who shall be a resident of Cherokee county, and who shall act  
6 as a member of said board in all matters relating to the school provided for 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 Cherokee, and provide for the maintenance of said school in such  
3 buildings, and in the management of such school they shall in all respects be governed by the  
4 provisions of chapter 129, of the laws of the 16th general assembly.

SEC. 14. In addition to the money which is hereby set apart for the purpose 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,  
6 \$22,500.00. For contingent expenses, \$2,500.00. The amount appropriated for repairs and im-  
7 provements and contingent expenses may be paid at any time upon the order of the board;  
8 the remaining sums shall be paid in equal quarterly payments.

SEC. 15. The school 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 number of  
3 teachers employed in the school, with the compensation of each; the number of pupils classi-  
4 fied; the amount of receipts and expenditures and the items thereof, with such other informa-  
5 tion and recommendations as they may deem expedient, which report shall be embodied in the  
6 superintendent's report to the general assembly.

SEC. 16. 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 the Des Moines Leader, news-  
3 papers published at Des Moines, Iowa.