

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THE NORTHWESTERN NORMAL SCHOOL FOR THE INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SELECTION OF SITES FOR OTHER NORMAL SCHOOLS.

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

SECTION 1. That a school for the instruction and training of teachers for the common schools of Iowa is hereby established in and for the northwestern quarter of the state.

SEC. 2. The location of said school shall be determined by a commission of five persons not interested in any proposed location, of whom three or more shall be practical educators of the state, to be appointed by the executive council. The commission shall convene at the call of the state superintendent of public instruction, and shall visit such places in northwestern Iowa as they may deem advisable for the purpose of ascertaining their fitness as a location for the school hereby established. After the aforesaid examination is made, the commission shall select a location for said school and grounds for the buildings thereof to occupy. Such location shall not be deemed final until the title of said grounds is vested in the state of Iowa, free from incumbrance and without cost to the state, by conveyances to be approved by the attorney-general. No gift or donation to the state other than the ground for the site shall be considered by the commission. When the title to the grounds selected by the commission shall be vested in the state as aforesaid, a certificate of the final location of said school upon the grounds so selected and conveyed, shall be signed by at least a majority of said commission and filed together with other conveyances in the office of the auditor of state.

SEC. 3. All vacancies in said commission shall be filled by the executive council. Each member of said commission shall receive five dollars per day for time necessarily spent and the reimbursement of actual expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of his duties by virtue of this act, to be certified by himself and paid by the auditor of state.

SEC. 4. The final location of the school shall be made as early in A. D. 1890, as shall be practicable.

SEC. 5. This 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, two for two years, two for four years, and two for six years; and the general assembly shall elect two members of said board every two years for the

5 full term of six years, as the terms of office of the respective classes expire. Their terms
6 of office shall commence on the first day of June following their election. No member of
7 the board shall be employed in the school nor receive any compensation for his services except
8 as provided by law. Any vacancy occurring in the board shall be filled by the executive
9 council.

SEC. 6. The board of directors shall convene at the call of the state superintendent of
2 public instruction within twenty days from the final location of the school, and shall organize
3 by electing from their own number a president and vice-president. They shall also elect a
4 secretary and treasurer who shall not be members of the board, and who shall receive such
5 annual compensation as shall be fixed by the board, not to exceed the sum of \$100 each. The
6 officers elected by virtue of this section shall hold their respective offices for the term of one
7 year.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the board to provide for, and carry out the object for
2 which the school is established to the utmost of their ability. For that purpose they shall
3 take possession of the grounds obtained for the school and shall cause to be erected thereon,
4 according to plans to be approved by the executive council, and furnish for use, suitable
5 buildings, and shall secure the services of suitable teachers and other employes. They shall
6 require good and sufficient bond of the treasurer, and may require bond of any officer or
7 employe of the school. They shall direct, use and control all property of the state which
8 shall come into their hands for the use of said school, including the disbursement of all mon-
9 eys which may be received by the treasurer. They shall make all necessary rules for the man-
10 agement and government of the school and for the custody and control of its property. They
11 shall provide for the admission of pupils from the several counties of the state upon such ap-
12 pointment as the board shall direct. They shall establish and publish uniform rules for the
13 admission of pupils thereto, and such rules shall require in all cases, satisfactory evidence of
14 the good character of the pupil. They shall require all pupils admitted to the school to sign
15 a statement of their intention in good faith to follow the business of teaching in the schools of
16 the state. But students not willing to sign such declaration can be admitted to the school on
17 the payment of such tuition as the board may determine.

SEC. 8. The treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys which are or may be appropri-
2 ated for the benefit of the school under the direction of the board.

SEC. 9. The board shall, at the end of each school year, make to the state superintendent
2 of public instruction a detailed report of their proceedings during the year. The report shall
3 also show the number of teachers employed in the school, with the compensation of each,
4 the number of pupils classified, the amount of receipts and expenditures, with such other
5 information and recommendations as they may deem expedient, which report shall be embod-
6 ied in the report of the state superintendent of public instruction to the general assembly.

SEC. 10. The board may make arrangements for the boarding and lodging of pupils to the
2 extent of the means at their disposal, but the pupils shall pay the cost of the same, and may
3 also be required to pay a fee for contingent expenses amounting to not more than \$1 per
4 month. The school shall be opened during such part of each year, after the 1st day of Sep-
5 tember, A. D. 1890, as the board shall determine, but the sessions shall continue at least
6 twenty-six weeks.

SEC. 11. The following named sums are hereby appropriated for the purposes specified,
2 to-wit: for the construction and completion of suitable buildings and appurtenances thereto,
3 and for apparatus for heating and for furnishing the same, and for the improvement of the
4 grounds, the sum of \$25,000; for the payment of teachers and other employes, the sum of \$5,000.
5 Of the first mentioned sum, \$10,000 shall be payable on the first day of June, A. D. 1890, and
6 the remainder thereof shall be payable on the 1st day of September, A. D. 1890. The remain-
7 ing sum hereby appropriated, shall be payable in equal quarterly payments, commencing on
8 the 1st day of December, A. D. 1890.

SEC. 12. The board shall cause the buildings herein provided for to be ready for use on
2 the 1st day of September, A. D. 1890, or as soon thereafter as shall be practicable.

SEC. 13. The commission provided for by section 2 of this act shall also, before the 1st day
2 of November, A. D. 1890, visit such places in the southeastern and southwestern quarter of
3 the state as they may deem advisable, to ascertain their fitness as localities for state normal
4 schools, and shall report to the next general assembly the most suitable location in each of
5 said quarters of the state for a normal school.

SEC. 14. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in power
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, news
3 papers published at Des Moines, Iowa.