

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SCHOOL FOR INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, There is a great and increasing demand for teachers in our common schools who have had the advantages of a special education and training for the work such as is only to be obtained in a well regulated normal school; and

WHEREAS, The capacity of the state normal school at Cedar Falls is greatly over taxed; and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the best educators in the state, that Iowa should have at least five well supported normal schools; and

WHEREAS, There is a large section of the western portion of the state that owing to the peculiar distribution of the railroad facilities will be partially out of communication with Cedar Falls and other points which have been recommended as suitable for the establishment of normal schools; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That a school for the instruction and training of teachers be established at Audubon, Audubon county, Iowa.

SEC. 2. The executive council shall appoint a commission consisting of three persons who shall go to said city and examine and select a site which shall not consist of less than twenty (20) acres, which shall be chosen from among different sites which shall be offered by said city for the purpose aforesaid, and the title of which shall be vested in the state free from incumbrance at such time as a certificate shall be filed with the auditor of the state to the effect that such offered site has been accepted by the commission, said site to be without cost to the state.

SEC. 3. Members of said commission shall receive the sum of four dollars (\$4.00) per day, and such expenses as will be necessarily incurred in discharge of the duties prescribed by this act. Such fees and expenses to be paid by the auditor of state upon presentation of proper vouchers therefor, signed by the president or chairman of said commission and attested by the secretary.

SEC. 4. Said commission shall have power and it shall be their duty to adopt such plan
 2 as to them shall seem best as to the manner of awarding contracts for material and labor to
 3 be used in constructing the building or buildings for said school, and shall have charge of
 4 and power to draw moneys from the treasury for payment upon incomplete contracts; *provided,*
 5 That not to exceed sixty (60) per cent of such appropriations as shall be made therefor
 6 shall be drawn until the buildings are completed and accepted by the executive council.

SEC. 5. Each member of said commission shall before entering upon his duties, take and
 2 subscribe to an oath to faithfully and impartially discharge each and every duty imposed
 3 upon him by this act, and shall execute to the state of Iowa a bond conditioned for the
 4 faithful performance of his duty herein set forth. Said bond shall be in the penal sum of
 5 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), to be approved by the executive council. Said board shall
 6 organize, by electing from their own number a president and secretary, and shall keep a
 7 record of their proceedings which shall be open to examination at all times by the governor
 8 or any one appointed by him, and shall make a report to the governor on first days of June,
 9 September, and January of each year until discharged.

SEC. 6. The governor of Iowa shall appoint six (6) persons as directors of said school who
 2 shall serve as follows: Two (2) for two (2) years from the first day of June, 1892, two (2) for
 3 four (4) years, and two (2) for six (6) years from same date, not more than four (4) of said
 4 directors from the same political parties, and the General Assembly shall elect biennially
 5 two (2) members to fill vacancies as term of office expires; vacancies which occur otherwise
 6 shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

SEC. 7. Said board shall meet within two (2) weeks after their appointment, at Audubon,
 2 Iowa, and affect an organization similar to the board of directors of the normal school at
 3 Cedar Falls, and said board of directors shall have the same powers and qualifications, and
 4 perform the same duties, and be governed in all their acts in relation to the school estab-
 5 lished by this act, as is provided in chapter one hundred and twenty-nine (129), of the acts of
 6 the Sixteenth General Assembly, for the government of the directors having charge of the
 7 state normal school at Cedar Falls.

SEC. 8. Upon the completion of the buildings herein provided for, the board of directors
 2 shall take charge of the same, and proceed to establish a normal school therein.

SEC. 9. The following sums are hereby appropriated for the establishment and main-
 2 tenance of said normal school:

3	For erection of building.....	\$30,000.00
4	For heating apparatus and furniture.....	5,000.00
5	For contingent expenses.....	1,000.00
6	For salaries of teachers and supplies.....	10,000.00
7	Total	\$46,000.00

8 *Provided*, that no part of this appropriation for salaries of teachers and employes, or for
9 contingent expenses shall be drawn until the school is in operation one (1) year; and *provided*,
10 that *power* for electric lights sufficient for the purposes of the school, and water rents, be
11 furnished free of cost to the state or the school for the first five (5) years that said school shall
12 be in operation. The necessary wiring for said lights, and pipes for water supply, be furnished
13 out of the fund appropriated for furnishing.