

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A NORMAL SCHOOL AT LE MARS,
PLYMOUTH COUNTY, IOWA.

Whereas, There is an urgent necessity for the establishment of a normal school in north-western Iowa, for the training and instruction of teachers for the common schools, and,

Whereas, A suitable and commodious building, sufficiently large for the accommodation of five hundred students, has been erected by the citizens of Le Mars, and equipped with hot water heating fixtures of the most improved kind, with electric light and electric call bells, and with water pipes and fixtures connected with the city water mains, insuring an abundant supply of pure water for general use and fire protection, and,

Whereas, This building is situated in a beautiful park of about seven acres within the corporate limits of Le Mars, and

Whereas, A successful school is now maintained in this building, supported by the tuition fees paid by the students, thus demonstrating that there is an urgent demand and need for a state school, and,

Whereas, The owners of this property agree to donate it to the state of Iowa, and to convey said property by good and perfect title in fee simple, without cost or reservation, provided the state of Iowa will accept the same and maintain a state normal school at said point, and,

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

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 Le Mars, in Plymouth county, Iowa.

Sec. 2. Said school shall be under the management and control of the board of trustees provided for in chapter 5, title 13, laws of Iowa.

Sec. 3. The board of trustees shall convene at the call of the superintendent of public instruction, at Le Mars, Iowa, on or before July 15, 1898, and shall elect a secretary and treasurer, who shall be persons not members of the board of trustees and whose official

4 duties shall pertain only to the school located at Le Mars. The secretary shall receive such
5 compensation as the board of directors may determine, not to exceed one hundred dollars
6 annually and actual traveling expenses. The treasurer shall receive no compensation, but
7 shall be reimbursed for actual necessary expenses.

Sec. 4. The board of trustees shall require a bond in the sum of twenty thousand
2 dollars of the treasurer, with proper and sufficient sureties conditioned upon the safe keeping
3 of moneys coming into his hands. He shall receive and disburse all moneys appropriated
4 for the school as the board of trustees may direct. The board of trustees may require of
5 any other officer or employe who may be authorized to receive or pay money, a bond in such
6 sum as it may deem sufficient.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees to provide for and carry out the
2 objects for which the school is established to the best of their ability. For this purpose
3 they shall take possession of the property conveyed to the state for the use of such school,
4 and employ competent and suitable teachers and employes. They shall direct, use and con-
5 trol all the property of the state coming into their hands for that purpose. They shall
6 control and direct the expenditure of all moneys. They shall make all necessary rules for
7 management of the school and the government thereof, and shall provide for the admission
8 of pupils from the several counties of the state as they may deem for the best interests of
9 the schools of the state. They shall establish and publish uniform rules for the admission of
10 pupils thereto, and such rules shall provide for equal rights in said school to all of the
11 teachers of the state, but they shall require satisfactory evidence in all cases, of the good
12 character of the pupil. They shall also further require all pupils upon their admission to
13 the school to sign a statement of their intention in good faith to follow the business of
14 teaching in the schools of this state. They shall require each pupil to pay a fee for con-
15 tingent expenses, amounting to not more than one dollar per month. The school shall be
16 open during such part of the year as the board of trustees may determine, but the school
17 sessions in each year shall not be less than twenty-six weeks.

Sec. 6. The deeds for the conveyance of the Le Mars normal school with the tract of
2 land upon which it is situated shall be executed to the state of Iowa, and shall convey an
3 absolute title in fee simple and be accompanied by an abstract to be approved by the attor-
4 ney-general, showing title on the grantors at the time of the execution of the deed, and
5 when so executed shall be deposited with the auditor of the state. Such deed shall be exe-
6 cuted and the property given into the possession of the board of trustees whenever they may
7 so require on or before the first day of August, 1893.

Sec. 7. The property to be received from the citizens of Le Mars is hereby set apart for
2 the purpose of maintaining a normal school at that place. There is also hereby appropriated

3 for the maintenance of said school for the next biennial period, for salaries of teachers and
4 other employes, eight thousand dollars (\$8,000); for library and apparatus, one thousand dol-
5 lars (\$1,000); for contingent expenses, one thousand dollars (\$1,000). These sums shall be
6 payable in equal quarterly payments, commencing September 1, 1898.

Sec. 8. The said board of trustees shall make at the end of each school year to the super-
2 intendent of public instruction a detailed report of their proceedings during the year. This
3 report shall also contain the number of teachers employed in the school with the compensa-
4 tion of each, the number of pupils, classified, the amount of receipts and expenditures, with
5 the items thereof, with such other information as they may deem expedient, which report shall
6 be embodied in the report of the superintendent of public instruction to the general assembly.

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 the Des Moines Leader, news-
3 papers published in Des Moines, Iowa.