

A BILL

FOR AN ACT DIVIDING THE STATE INTO DISTRICTS, ESTABLISHING AGRICULTURAL AND MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOLS THEREIN, PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT, CONTROL AND OPERATION THEREOF, CREATING A BOARD OF TRUSTEES THEREFOR, ESTABLISHING COURSES OF STUDY THEREIN, AND MAKING PROVISIONS FOR THE SUPPORT THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of locating and establishing district agricultural and manual training schools, which shall be branches of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, in which shall be given instruction in the elements and science of agriculture, stock judging, stock raising and feeding, forestry and horticulture, manual training in all its branches, domestic science and allied subjects, in addition to such instruction in the sciences, history, mathematics, civics, literature and other kindred subjects usually taught in high and other first-class secondary schools of the State, as in the judgment of the board of trustees may seem fit and proper, the State shall be divided into four districts, as follows:

District No. 1—The counties of Polk, Warren, Clarke, Decatur, Ringgold, Union, Madison, Dallas, Guthrie, Adair, Audubon, Cass, Adams, Taylor, Page, Fremont, Montgomery, Mills, Pottawattamie, Shelby and Harrison, and shall be designated as the Southwestern District.

District No. 2—The counties of Boone, Hamilton, Wright, Hancock, Winnebago, Kossuth, Humboldt, Webster, Greene, Carroll, Calhoun, Pocahontas, Palo Alto, Emmet, Dickinson, Clay, Buena Vista, Sac, Crawford, Ida, Cherokee, O'Brien, Osceola, Lyon, Sioux, Plymouth, Woodbury and Monona, and shall be known and designated as the Northwestern District.

District No. 3—The counties of Worth, Mitchell, Howard, Winneshiek, Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette, Chickasaw, Floyd, Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Butler, Bremer, Hardin, Story, Marshall, Grundy, Black Hawk, Tama, Benton, Linn, Jones, Clinton, Jackson, Dubuque, Delaware and Buchanan shall be known and designated as the Northeastern District.

District No. 4.—The counties of Jasper, Marion, Lucas, Wayne, Appanoose, Monroe, Mahaska, Poweshiek, Iowa, Keokuk, Wapello, Davis Van Buren, Jefferson, Henry, Washington, Louisa, Johnson, Cedar, Muscatine, Scott, Des Moines and Lee shall be known and designated as the Southeastern District.

SEC. 2. Upon condition that the people of the respective districts herein established shall
2 without expense to the State, furnish a suitable site consisting of not less than one hundred
3 and sixty acres of land therefor, there is hereby established and shall be maintained in each
4 of the respective districts at a location to be chosen as herein provided a school of the char-
5 acter herein described.

SEC. 3. The site to be furnished in accordance with section two of this act shall be such as
2 to meet the approval of the board of trustees hereinafter created, or of a committee thereof
3 duly appointed for that purpose, and upon being approved, the title being merchantable, it
4 shall be immediately conveyed by warranty deed to the State of Iowa, for the use and benefit
5 of the schools herein established.

SEC. 4. Sites having been procured as provided in this act, the state architect, in the em-
2 ploy of the Board of Control of State institutions, shall, with the advice and assistance of the
3 professors engaged in teaching agriculture and mechanic arts, prepare and submit plans for
4 the necessary buildings, barns and shops for each of the schools hereby established, costing
5 not more than the amount by this act provided, which shall finally be approved by the board of
6 trustees hereby appointed, or by a committee thereof appointed for that purpose; and upon
7 acceptance and approval of such plans, the buildings, shops and barns shall be constructed in
8 accordance therewith and under the supervision of the said board of trustees or a committee
9 thereto appointed for that purpose, and of the State architect. Contracts for the construc-
10 tion of said buildings shall be let by the aforesaid board of trustees to the lowest responsible
11 bidders.

SEC. 5. Upon the completion of said buildings, or of a sufficient number thereof to justify
2 it, courses of study shall be prescribed and the school shall be opened.

SEC. 6. The board of trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts shall
2 be and constitute the board of trustees of the schools hereby established and it shall have the
3 same powers with reference to these schools that it has with reference to the State College
4 at Ames, save as herein otherwise provided.

SEC. 7. Students of either sex, who are residents of the State and over fourteen years of
2 age, may be admitted to the schools hereby established under such rules and regulations as the
3 board of trustees may prescribe. All persons shall, in addition to a registration fee, pay
4 such tuition as the board of trustees may require, not exceeding, however, the sum of six dol-
5 lars (\$6.00) for each semester. Non-residents of the State may be accepted as students pro-
6 vided there be facilities therefor after receiving all resident students who may apply.

SEC. 8. Any person completing the required courses and receiving a certificate of gradua-
2 tion, shall be entitled to admission to the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, to
3 the State Normal School, or to the State University, without examination, to take such courses
4 in those institutions as, with the consent of the faculties thereof, he or she may elect.

SEC. 9. The annual meeting of the board of trustees shall be held at the same time and place as is now fixed by law for the meeting of the board of trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. Members of the board of trustees shall receive the same compensation for their services in connection with these schools as they receive when performing like service for the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. The fiscal year of the schools shall begin on the first day of July and end on the thirtieth day of June of each year. In the report of the trustees of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts to the Governor, they shall also make a report as to the schools hereby established.

SEC. 10. The principals of these schools shall have complete control and management thereof, and of all the property belonging thereto, subject to such rules as may be prescribed by the trustees; and shall make a full and complete report to the annual meeting of the board, and at such other times as the board may require, which report shall contain an accurate statement of the acts done by their respective schools and of the condition of the several departments thereof, including all recommendations they may have as to the future management of the institutions.

SEC. 11. The board of trustees shall elect a secretary for each of said schools who shall be a member of the faculty and who shall perform such duties as are required of the secretary of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, as provided in section two thousand six hundred fifty-four (2654) of the Code, so far as applicable, except that he may not appoint a deputy.

SEC. 12. The board shall elect a treasurer of each school who shall perform the duties required of the treasurer of the aforesaid State College, as provided in section two thousand six hundred fifty-four (2654) of the Code, so far as applicable, except that he may not appoint a deputy.

SEC. 13. The principal and secretary shall constitute an auditing committee who shall perform the same duties as are required of the auditing committee of the aforesaid college, as provided in section two thousand six hundred fifty-three (2653) of the Code, so far as it may be applicable.

SEC. 14. The schools hereby established through the board of trustees are hereby authorized to accept and receive any and all donations, whether by deed, gift, grant or will of property, real, personal or mixed, which may be offered, accepting and receiving them or any of them in the name of the State for the use and benefit of the schools hereby established.

SEC. 15. The board of trustees with the advice and assistance of the deans of the several departments of the State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts and of the faculty selected for said schools, shall establish courses of study in agriculture in all its branches, including animal husbandry, plant life, forestry and horticulture, manual training in all its branches, domestic science and kindred subjects, and such other branches as are calculated to equip one

6 for the actual pursuits of life. In the several courses shall be included such practical and use-
7 ful subjects as are usually taught in the high schools of the State for the purpose of fitting
8 students for the duties of citizenship. The board may also establish experiment stations in
9 connection with each of these schools, and may also conduct short courses for men and women
10 of all ages in connection with the agricultural extension work of the State, charging such
11 tuition for admittance thereto as it may deem fair, just and reasonable.

SEC. 16. For the purpose of providing for the erection of the buildings provided for in this
2 act and the equipment thereof and the support of same, there shall be levied annually for four
3 years a special tax of one-tenth of a mill on the dollar upon the assessed valuation of the tax-
4 able property of the State, and the proceeds thereof shall be carried into the treasury to the
5 credit of said schools. Said levy shall be first made with the levy made for State purposes in the
6 year 1909, and the same levy shall be made annually for the three succeeding years thereafter.
7 The money realized from such levy for said schools shall be held by the Treasurer of State
8 for the purposes hereinbefore provided and drawn upon requisition of the board of trustees.
9 Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) of the amount raised by said levy made in the year 1909
10 shall be used for the construction of the school buildings in one of the said districts, and the
11 excess of said fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) so raised by said levy shall be used for the
12 equipment and support of said school. And the amount raised by the levy for the year 1910
13 shall be similarly expended in another of said districts, and the amount raised by the levy of
14 1911 shall be similarly expended in another of said districts, and the amount raised by the levy
15 of the year 1912 shall be similarly expended in another of said districts. The funds to be
16 realized from the tax levies herein provided for shall not be anticipated by issuing and dis-
17 counting warrants or other obligations of the State.

SEC. 17. The board of trustees shall determine the order in which said schools shall be con-
2 structed in the several districts.

SEC. 18. The present General Assembly shall meet in joint convention within three days
2 after the passage and approval of this act and select by ballot the location of the schools to be
3 provided under this act. In selecting the location of said respective schools the one receiving
4 the least number of votes shall in each succeeding ballot be dropped from the list of locations
5 to be thereafter balloted for.

SEC. 19. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force and take effect
2 from and after its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, news-
3 papers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.