

his heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized to establish and keep a ferry across the Mississippi river, at the town of Montrose, in Lee county, for the term of twelve years; with the exclusive privilege to the same; commencing at his wharf and warehouse in said town of Montrose, on the bank of said river, thence down said river two miles, thence up said river two miles, from said wharf and warehouse: provided, said Issac A. Lefevre, his heirs and assigns, [30] be subject to all laws now in force, or which may be in force, during the term of twelve years from the passage of this act, regulating ferries.

SEC. 2. To take effect—proviso. This act to take effect from and after its publication: provided, said Isaac A. Lefevre, his heirs and assigns, keep, or cause to be kept, at said ferry, a good and sufficient boat or boats, to be propelled by steam or horse power, for the safe conveyance of passengers, horses, cattle, and hogs, across said river without delay.

SEC. 3. Two years given to establish steam or horse boats—in case of failure to forfeit privileges. The said Isaac A. Lefevre, his heirs and assigns, shall have two years to establish good and sufficient steam or horse boats: he is hereby required, during said term of two years, to keep a good flat boat or boats, together with such small craft as may be necessary for the public convenience, with a sufficient number of good and sufficient hands to propel said boat or boats, without delay; and if the said Isaac A. Lefevre fails to comply with the regulations of this act, within the time prescribed, he shall forfeit all right to any of the privileges under this act.

Approved, January 22nd, 1847.

CHAPTER 13.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

AN ACT prescribing the general duties of secretary of state.

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

SECTION 1. Secretary to keep his office at seat of government—to have charge of laws, etc. That the secretary of state shall keep his office at the seat of government, shall have charge of, and safely keep, all the laws and resolutions heretofore passed by the territorial legislature, and that shall hereafter be passed by the legislature of this state; and such other papers and documents as have been, or shall hereafter be, deposited in his office, in conformity with the laws of this state.

SEC. 2. To superintend printing of the laws—to make index—his certificate—table of contents. That the secretary shall, immediately after the adjournment of the legislature, furnish the printer authorized by law to print the same, all laws and resolutions of the general assembly of this state, which shall be ordered to be printed, with necessary marginal notes, together with a full and proper index; and shall superintend the printing thereof, carefully comparing the printed copies with the original laws and resolutions deposited in his office, correcting all errors that may appear in such printed copies; and shall cause to be printed at the end of each volume of the laws, so printed, his certificate that the foregoing acts and resolutions are truly copied from the original rolls in his [31] office and shall also append a table of the contents, referring to the page on which each act commences.

SEC. 3. Commissions to be countersigned—to be registered. That all commissions required by law to be issued by the governor, shall be countersigned by the secretary of state, who shall register each commission, specifying the name of the person commissioned, the office conferred, the date and tenure of the commission, in books to be provided and kept for that purpose.

SEC. 4. To procure seals for district courts—transmit the same. That the secretary of state shall procure, at the expense of the state, for each organized county, where the same has not already been done, a seal for the district court, of the same description and device with those heretofore procured for other counties, and shall transmit the same to the clerks of the respective counties.

SEC. 5. Furnish stationery and fuel for legislature. That the secretary shall furnish all the necessary stationery and fuel for the use of the legislature, during the session of the same, at the expense of the state.

SEC. 6. Furnish information to governor—other duties. That the secretary shall furnish information, in writing, upon any subject relating to the duties of his office, to the governor, when required; and perform all such other duties as may be enjoined upon him by the constitution and laws of the state.

SEC. 7. May appoint a deputy—deputy to perform all duties—exception. When the secretary of state shall, by reason of sickness, necessary absence, or inability, be prevented from discharging the duties of his office, in person, he shall have power, under his hand and seal, to appoint a deputy, who may and shall execute and perform all the duties belonging to the office of secretary of state; except such duties as the secretary may be required to perform in conjunction with the treasurer and auditor of state, or either of them, or in case of death, resignation, or removal of the governor.

SEC. 8. Secretary or deputy to attend office—exception. The secretary of state, or his deputy, shall attend at the office of such secretary to transact business, every day in the year, Sundays and the fourth of July excepted, at all reasonable hours.

SEC. 9. To purchase stationery, etc. The secretary shall purchase all books and stationery necessary for the use of his office, at the expense of the state.

SEC. 10. To take effect. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the weekly newspapers of this city.

SEC. 11. All acts and parts of acts coming in conflict with this act be, and the same are, hereby repealed.

Approved, January 27th, 1847.

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[32] CHAPTER 14.

STATE SEALS.

AN ACT relative to state seals.

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

SECTION 1. State officers to use territorial seals. That, for the want of state seals, the state officers shall, until proper seals are provided, use the territorial seals of their respective offices.