

“ a committee. The Trustees shall, after examining and
 “ approving such vouchers, file one of them with the Vouchers filed with Auditor.
 “ Auditor of State. The books and papers of the steward Books open for inspection.
 “ and treasurer shall be open at all times to the inspection
 “ of any one of the Trustees, State officers, or members of the
 “ General Assembly;” and the same act be further amended
 by striking out section forty-four, and insert[ing] the follow-
 ing: “ The Trustees shall from time to time fix the sum to be
 “ paid per week for the board and care of patients, which Trustees to fix price for care of patients at not more than \$3.75 per week.
 “ shall not exceed the sum of three dollars and seventy-
 “ five cents per week, and the weekly sum so fixed shall
 “ be the sum said Hospital shall be entitled to demand for
 “ keeping any patient, and the certificate of the superin-
 “ tendent, attested by the seal of the Hospital, shall be
 “ evidence in all places of the amount due as fixed.”

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees of Notice of readiness for patients at Independence
 the Hospital at Independence to give notice by mail, of
 the time when the Hospital will be ready for the reception
 of patients, to all the clerks of the circuit courts of the
 State.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its In force when.
 publication in the Iowa State Register, and Iowa State
 Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved, April 25th, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily Iowa State Register*, May 1, and in the *Daily State Leader*, May 3, 1872.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*

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CHAPTER CXXXVI.

[H. F. 443.]

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT ABOLISHED.

AN ACT in Relation to Capital Punishment, and Regulating MAY 1.
 Pardons.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* The penalty of death as a punishment for crime, is hereby abolished. The death penalty abolished.

SEC. 2. All crimes heretofore punishable with death shall be punished by imprisonment for life at hard labor in the State Penitentiary. Imprisonment for life.

Pardon in such cases not to be granted unless recommended by Gen. Assembly.

SEC. 3. That, in all cases of conviction under the preceding sections, the Governor shall not grant a pardon unless the same shall have been recommended by the General Assembly of the State.

In force when.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved, May 1st, 1872.

CH. 243.] CHAPTER CXXXVII. [S. F. 267.]

SCHOOL-DISTRICTS IN CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES.

MAY 6. AN ACT Amendatory of the School-Laws of the State, and Relative to the Formation of Independent School-Districts in certain Cases.

School districts heretofore existing, of territory in contiguous counties, may be revived.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That where, under the school-laws of the State heretofore in force, from the necessities of localities, arising from natural obstructions, the organization of school-districts under said laws and for the convenience and accommodation of the people, school-districts were formed of portions of two counties of territory lying contiguous to each other, and where, under present laws, such districts are not provided for, at the written request of five legal voters residing in portions of such territory in each county, the board of directors of the district-township to which such territory belongs having a majority of the legal voters shall fix the boundaries of an independent school-district composed of such sections of land, or portions thereof, as may be specified and described in the petition for such independent district, and shall give at least ten days' notice of the submission of the question of the formation of said independent district to the legal voters of the contemplated independent district, at a special election for said purpose, specifying the boundaries of the district, the time and place of the meetings of the electors of the district containing a majority of the legal voters, at which meeting the electors in the contemplated district shall vote by ballot for or against a separate organization. Should a majority of the votes be cast in favor of such separate organization, the said board of directors shall proceed by ballot to elect, in the manner

Boundaries of independent district.

Election upon separate organization.

Choice of first officers, and temporary organization.