

Legislative Assembly a report of the progress and condition of the prison, together with suggestions as to the improvement that may to them appear necessary. Improvements.

SEC. 11. The directors of the Penitentiary shall from time to time establish by-laws, rules, and regulations, for the discipline and government thereof, and the Warden, for himself and his assistants, shall be held responsible for the observance and enforcement of such by-laws, rules, and regulations: *Provided*, always, That such by-laws, rules and regulations shall not be contrary to law, and the directors shall annually submit such by-laws, rules, and regulations, to the legislature. By-laws, rules, and regulations. Proviso, and report.

SEC. 12. That the directors may, at their discretion, employ any minister of the Gospel to officiate as chaplain in the Penitentiary, and they are hereby authorized to pay such minister of the Gospel any sum not exceeding five dollars for each and every Sabbath he shall so officiate as chaplain in the said Penitentiary. Minister of the Gospel may be employed, his compensation.

SEC. 13. The whole amount of twenty thousand dollars appropriated in the fifth section of this act, may be expended in the first instance, if necessary, in the erection of the cells and inclosure of the Penitentiary, but if at any time hereafter the Congress of the United States shall make a sufficient specific appropriation for the establishment of a Penitentiary, within this Territory, the said twenty thousand dollars shall be refunded from such specific appropriation, and expended in the erection of other public buildings within the Territory of Iowa. Appropriations, past and future.

APPROVED, January 25, 1839.

PETITIONS.

AN ACT to regulate the mode of petitioning the Legislature in certain cases.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That previously to any petition or memorial being received at any future session of the legislature, praying that an act may be passed, whereby the particular rights or privileges of any individual or individuals, bodies politic or corporate, may be affected or infringed, notice of such intended application by petition or memorial shall be given at least thirty days before Public notice to be given of any intended application to the legislature.

the ensuing session of the Legislature, either by advertisement in a newspaper printed within the county where the parties interested reside, or if there be no such paper, then said notice shall be given by advertisement, to be fixed on the door of the court house, and at three other of the most public places in said county, for the said period of thirty days.

How long petition or memorial may be circulated.

SEC. 2. That no such petition or memorial shall be received by any future legislature, which petition or memorial has been in circulation more than six months, previous to the commencement of the session at which it shall be presented.

Affidavit to accompany petition or memorial.

SEC. 3. That all such petitions and memorials shall be accompanied with the following affidavit, to be sworn to and subscribed by the person, or persons, who may have carried about or put the same in circulation: "Territory of Iowa, county of _____ ss. I, A. B., do solemnly swear that I have presented the above petition to the persons whose names are thereunto subscribed, and to the best of my knowledge they are all residents of this county, are of proper age, and have the qualifications of voters, and that the object of said petition, or memorial, has been explained, and that the signatures are all signed by the proper persons whose names appear thereto, or by some person duly requested so to do by such person.

(Signed,) C. D.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, at my office, this _____ day of _____ 18—. O. M., Justice.

Duty of President of Council, and speaker of House of Rep.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the President of the Council, or Speaker of the House of Representatives, when such petition, or memorial, shall be presented, to inquire and ascertain whether notice thereof has been given agreeably to the provisions of this act, and whether such petition, or memorial, has been in circulation more than six months, and whether the affidavit, prescribed in section three of this act, accompanies said petition, or memorial; and if satisfactory proof be given that the foregoing requirements have been complied with, then such petition, or memorial, shall be received.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 5. That the act of Michigan, entitled "An act to regulate the mode of petitioning, &c.," and an act of Wisconsin, supplementary thereto, approved, January 19, 1838, are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, January 19, 1839.