

Probate, and County Commissioners' courts, for the county of Lee, shall be held in the town of Fort Madison until the public buildings in and for said county are erected.

SEC. 2. Duties of county commissioners—courts to be held at county seat. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners of Lee county, to give notice of the next session of the District Court after the completion of said public buildings, to the Clerk of the District Court; and thereafter all the courts mentioned in the first section of this act shall be held at the county seat.

SEC. 3. Sheriff to keep office at Madison. It shall be the duty of the Sheriff of Lee county to keep his office in Fort Madison, as long as the district court is held in said town.

SEC. 4. When to take effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 12.

AN ACT relative to incorporated religious societies.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Religious societies empowered to hold certain property. That any religious society hereafter incorporated by any act of the Legislature, shall have perpetual succession by such name as may be designated, and by such name shall be legally capable of contracting and of prosecuting and defending suits in any court; and shall have capacity to receive, [10] acquire, hold, enjoy, and dispose of, a house for public worship, with the land necessary therefor, not exceeding in quantity one acre; a burying ground for such society; a parsonage, not exceeding in value the sum of five thousand dollars; and any other property not exceeding the annual value of one thousand dollars, which shall be applied to the support of public worship; and such institutions of learning and charity as may be connected with such society, and to no other purpose.

SEC. 2. May elect officers and make rules. That such society, when incorporated, may elect such officers, and make such rules, as may be necessary and expedient for its own government, and the management of its own affairs.

SEC. 3. Mesne process, how to be served. That mesne process shall be served on the corporation, by leaving an attested copy thereof with any one of its officers at least ten days before the return day thereof.

SEC. 4. Power to repeal, and proviso. The Legislature may, at any time, repeal or alter an act incorporating any such society: provided, that such repeal or alteration shall not affect the title to any real or personal estate acquired or conveyed under its provisions.

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