

## CHAPTER 20.

AN ACT to district the county of Dubuque into three county commissioners' districts.

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

**SECTION 1. County divided into three districts.** That the county of Dubuque shall be divided into three county commissioners' districts, as follows, to-wit: That the first district shall consist of the Regan, Drebilbis, and White-water precincts; that the second district shall consist of the Dubuque precinct; and the third district shall consist of Peru, Darango, Paul's and Hewett's precincts.

**SEC. 2. Election of commissioners, etc.** Be it further enacted, that at the next general election there shall be elected from the first district, one county commissioner, and that annually thereafter there shall be elected from each district alternately one county commissioner, according to the provisions of the law regulating general elections.

Approved December 30, 1840.

## CHAPTER 21.

AN ACT to establish a seminary of learning at Iowa City, Johnson county.

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

**SECTION 1. Iowa seminary established—names of corporators—name and style.** That there shall be established at Iowa City, in Johnson county, a seminary of learning for the instruction of young persons of both sexes, in science and literature, to be called the "Iowa Seminary;" and that Henry Murray, W. R. Harrison, Chauncy Swan, Jesse Brown, Samuel H. M'Crorry, John Horner, W. C. Reagan, L. W. Hastings, Samuel C. Trowbridge, W. B. Snyder, Pleasant Harris, David Switzer, and their associates and [15] successors, are hereby declared a body politic and corporate in law, by the name and style of the "Iowa Seminary."

**SEC. 2. General powers of corporation—to have seal.** The corporation before named shall have perpetual succession, and power to possess, retain and enjoy, property, real and personal, and shall have power to sell, grant and convey, rent, or otherwise dispose of at pleasure, all such property as above described; and they shall have power to contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of justice; they shall have and use a common seal, with power to alter it at pleasure.

**SEC. 3. Stock transferable.** The stock of said seminary shall consist of shares of ten dollars each, which shall be deemed personal property, and shall be transferable on the books of said corporation, not including tuition, shall not exceed five thousand dollars; and its funds, privileges, and immunities, shall be used for no other purposes than that of education.

**SEC. 4. Trustees to be elected—trustees to be elected for one year—election by ballot—number of votes of stockholders—trustees to elect officers—failure to elect, how to proceed.** The corporate concerns of said seminary shall be managed by a board of trustees, consisting of eleven members, six of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall be elected by the stockholders on the first Monday of June, annually, and shall hold their office for the term of one year, and until their successors are

duly elected. The election of trustees shall be by ballot, and each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for every share owned by him to the amount of five shares, and then one vote for every five shares over and above that amount; any stockholder may vote in person or by proxy. Said trustees shall elect one of their members to be president of their board, and they shall have power to fill vacancies in their own body. If any election shall not be made on the day designated by this act, such election may be held on any other day, provided notice of the time and place of holding such election, signed by three of the stockholders, be affixed to the door of three of the most public houses in Iowa City, at least twenty days before said election.

SEC. 5. **General powers of trustees—proviso.** The board of trustees shall have power to appoint subordinate officers and agents; make, ordain and establish, such ordinances, rules and regulations, as they may deem necessary for the good government of said seminary, its officers, teachers and pupils, and for the management of the property and affairs of said corporation, to the best advantage, provided they shall not contravene the laws of the United States, or this Territory.

SEC. 6. **Instruments of conveyance, how to be executed.** That all deeds and other instruments of conveyance shall be made by order of the trustees, sealed with the seal of the corporation, signed by the president, and by him acknowledged in his official capacity, in order to insure their validity.

SEC. 7. **When to take effect.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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[16] CHAPTER 22.

AN ACT to establish a seminary of learning at or near Marion, in Linn county.

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

SECTION 1. **Style—Names of corporators—to have perpetual succession—general powers.** That there shall be and hereby is established, at or near Marion, in Linn county, a seminary of learning for the education of young persons, and for the general dissemination of useful knowledge, which shall be known by the style and title of the "Marion Lyceum;" and that Luman M. Strong, J. W. Willis, Hosea W. Gray, Harvy B. Burnap, George H. Gray, A. Danish, D. A. Woodbridge, John Long, J. W. Margrave, J. C. Berry, Samuel Ross, George Greene, and their associates and successors, together with all the initiated members of the Marion Library Society, are hereby declared a body politic and corporate in law, by the name and style of the "Marion Lyceum," and shall hereafter be, and they are hereby erected, established, and declared to be, of perpetual succession, with all the incidents of a corporation in deed and in law, to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and shall, by the name, style and title, aforesaid, have power to acquire, possess, retain, and enjoy, real, personal, and mixed property, and the same to sell, grant, convey, rent or otherwise dispose of at pleasure; and they shall have power to contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law or equity in this Territory (or future State) of Iowa.

SEC. 2. **Stockholders to elect trustees—quorum—trustees to elect officers—term of service.** That the stockholders shall, on the first Saturday in April