

CHAPTER 4.

NEW COUNTIES.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to establish new counties and define their boundaries, in the late cession from the Sac and Fox Indians, and for other purposes," approved February 17th, 1843.

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

SECTION 1. **Iowa attached to Johnson.** That the county of Iowa be and the same is hereby attached to the county of Johnson, for judicial, revenue, and election purposes.

SEC. 2. **Repealing clause.** That so much of an act entitled "An act to establish new counties and define their boundaries, in the late cession from the Sac and Fox Indians, and for other purposes," approved February 17th, 1843, as attaches the said county of Iowa to Iowa county for judicial, revenue and election purposes, and all other laws and parts of laws contravening the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. **Time of taking effect.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 5th February, 1844.

[4] CHAPTER 5.

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

AN ACT relative to religious societies.

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

SECTION 1. **How to become organized, may designate name; general powers when so organized.** That any religious society in this territory, by complying with the provisions of this act, may have perpetual succession by such name as shall be designated by such society, and by such name shall be legally capable of prosecuting and defending suits in any courts of law or equity in this territory; and shall have power and authority to contract, receive, acquire, hold, enjoy, bargain and sell, lease, mortgage, convey and dispose of, any building or buildings erected for public worship, with the land necessary therefor, a burying ground and parsonage for such society, and such other property as shall be applied to the support of public worship in said society, and to such means of education and charity as may be therewith connected.

SEC. 2. **Duty of society wishing to organize; how to proceed; abstract of organization, what to contain, by whom signed, when recorded, duty of recorder.** That it shall be the duty of all religious societies wishing to avail themselves of the benefit of this act, to make out an abstract in writing of their organization, together with the names and locations of said societies, the names and titles of the officers thereof, which shall be signed by the said officers of said society, and cause the same to be recorded by the recorder of deeds, who is hereby authorized and required to record the same, and keep a record thereof, as in case of deeds and other instruments of writing.

SEC. 3. **May elect officers, make by-laws, and regulations for government of, effect of such regulations.** That when any religious society shall have complied