

LAWS OF IOWA

CHAPTER 1.

FERRY.

AN ACT to authorize Wm. S. Townsend to establish and keep a ferry across the Missouri River at Traders Point.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. W. S. Townsend to establish ferry at Trader's Point for 20 years. That Wm. S. Townsend, his associates, heirs or assigns, be and they are hereby authorized to establish and keep a ferry across the Missouri river at Traders Point, or at any other practicable crossing place within five miles of said point, for the term of twenty years.

SEC. 2. To procure and keep boat. That it shall be the duty of said William S. Townsend, his associates, heirs and assigns, to procure and keep a suitable boat or boats for the safe and speedy transportation of persons and property over said ferry at all reasonable hours.

SEC. 3. Repeal. This act may be altered or repealed at any time by the general assembly of this state.

SEC. 4. To take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in the Iowa City newspapers.

SMILEY H. BONHAM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN J. SELMAN,
President of the Senate.

Approved, Dec. 12, 1848.

ANSEL BRIGGS.

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[18] CHAPTER 2.

UNITED STATES COURT.

AN ACT to grant certain rooms in the capitol for the use of the United States courts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Rooms in the capitol set apart for use of United States court. That the northeast room on the first floor, and two rooms in the basement of the capitol of this state, be and are hereby granted and set apart for the use of the courts of the United States, while said courts shall be held at said capitol; *provided*, said rooms shall be furnished and fitted up at the expense of the United States.

SEC. 2. Taking effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the weekly newspapers of this city.

Approved, Dec. 16, 1848.

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CHAPTER 3.

CITY OF KEOKUK.

AN ACT to incorporate the city of Keokuk.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Limits of incorporation—body corporate—name—have a seal—mayor and aldermen. That all that part of the fractional township number sixty-five, (65) north of range four, (4) west of the fifth principal meridian, in Lee county in this state, and of township sixty-five, north of range five, west of said meridian in said county, embraced within the boundaries or limits of the town of Keokuk, according to the plat of the said town now on record in the recorder's office of said county, shall be and is hereby declared to be a city, and the inhabitants thereof are hereby created a body corporate and politic, with perpetual succession, by the name and style of the city of Keokuk; and as such, by that name, shall be capable in law of contracting and being contracted with, of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered unto in all courts and places, in all matters whatsoever; and also of purchasing, using, occupying, enjoying and conveying real, personal and mixed estate, and may have and use a corporate seal, and may change, alter and renew the same at pleasure; and shall be competent to have, exercise and enjoy, all the rights, immunities, powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties and obligations incumbent upon and appertaining to a municipal corporation. And for the better ordering and governing said city, the exercise of the corporate powers of the same hereby and herein granted, and the administration of its fiscal, prudential and municipal concerns, with the conduct, direction and government thereof, shall be vested in a mayor and aldermen, consisting of seven members, to be denominated the city council, together with such other officers as are hereinafter mentioned and provided for.

SEC. 2. Wards—proviso. The said city shall be divided into three wards as follows, to-wit: That portion lying between the Mississippi river and the center of third street in said city, and bounded on the south-west by a line drawn from the said river to the centre of the said third street, between parallel to, and at equal distance from main and Johnson streets in said city, shall be the first ward. That portion lying between the said river and the centre of third street aforesaid, and bounded on the north-west by the line aforesaid, shall be the second ward; and that portion lying between the centre of third street aforesaid, and the north-western limit or boundary of the said city, shall be the third ward: *provided*, that the said city council of the said city, may change, unite or divide the said wards, or any of them, whenever they shall think it necessary or proper.

SEC. 3. Property and demands belonging to Keokuk. That the said city of Keokuk shall be, and hereby is, invested as the lawful owner and proprietor with all the real, personal, and mixed estate, and all the rights and privileges thereof, together with all the property, funds and revenues, and all moneys, debts, accounts and demands due and owing, or in any wise belonging to said city, or which by or under the authority of any former act or acts have been