

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.

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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

acquired, vested in, or is, or may be owing or belonging to the city of Keokuk, together with all rights, interests, claims and demands in favor of or against said city, may be continued, prosecuted, defended and collected in the same manner as though this act had never been passed.

SEC. 4. Election of mayor—aldermen—majority constitute a quorum—term of office—to keep a journal—compel attendance of absent members—to meet first Monday in April and choose president. That the qualified electors of said city shall, on the first Monday in April, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and annually on the same day thereafter, elect a mayor, who shall have resided in said city one year, and the qualified electors of said city shall at the same time elect six aldermen, who shall have resided in said city one year; and the mayor and the aldermen so elected, when [20] assembled together and duly organized, shall constitute the city council, a majority of whom shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; they shall be the judges of the election returns and qualifications of their own members, and shall continue in office for the term of one year, and until their successors shall be chosen and qualified. They shall determine the rules of their proceedings, and keep a journal thereof, which shall be open to the inspection and examination of every citizen, and may compel the attendance of absent members in such manner and under such penalties as they may prescribe: and they shall meet at some convenient place in said city on the second Monday in April, and after taking the oaths of office before some officer qualified to administer oaths, shall elect from their own body a president pro-tempore.

SEC. 5. Elect recorder—assessor, marshal, collector, and treasurer to be appointed—define duties, fix compensation and security. The city council when convened on the second Monday in April, shall proceed to elect a recorder, who shall attend all meetings of the said council, and keep a record of all their proceedings; shall keep the corporate seal, and perform such other duties as the said council shall ordain and prescribe, they shall also appoint an assessor, a marshal, and collector, and treasurer of the said city, and such other subordinate officers as they shall think necessary and proper. The council shall define the duties of the several officers appointed or elected by said council, subject to the provisions of this act; shall fix the nature and amount of compensation for their services, and shall require such security as they shall deem proper for the faithful discharge of the duties of their several offices.

SEC. 6. Proclamation to be made of the time of, and officers to be elected ten days previous to election—time of opening and closing polls—make return of election—proviso—open the returns—abstract of votes—failure to elect a second election to be held—mayor or president to notify—persons elected to qualify, and in default the office deemed vacant—city council appoint time and place for holding election and appoint judges. That in all elections for city officers it shall be the duty of the mayor to issue a proclamation to the qualified voters of said city, setting forth the time of such elections, the place or places where the same shall be holden, the officer and officers to be chosen, and cause such proclamation to be posted up in three of the most public places in said city, at least ten days previous to such election. And every such election shall be opened between the hours of eight and ten o'clock in the forenoon, and continue open until four o'clock in the afternoon, and shall in all things be conducted agreeably to the laws regulating township elections for the time being, and it shall be the duty of the judges of said election, within two days thereafter, to make and direct the returns thereof to the mayor of said city, at his office, in the same manner that election returns are required to be made by the township trustees for the time being: *provided*, that in all the elections for mayor the returns shall be made and directed to the president pro-tempore of the city council, and the mayor or president pro-tempore of the city council,

as the case may [be,] shall within five days after any such [21] election, open the returns which shall have been made as aforesaid, and shall make an abstract of all the votes and file the same with the city recorder, who shall make a record thereof in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and the person or persons having the highest number of votes shall be declared duly elected; but if from any cause the qualified voters of said city or any of the respective wards, as the case may be, should fail to effect any election at the time, and in the manner herein provided, the mayor shall forthwith issue his proclamation for a second or other election, which in all things, shall be notified, conducted, regulated, and the returns thereof made, as in and by this act is prescribed, and the person or persons who shall be chosen at any such second or other election, shall hold their offices until the next ensuing annual election, and until their successor or successors in office shall be elected and qualified; and it shall be the duty of the mayor or president pro-tempore of the city council, immediately to notify such person or persons who may be elected as aforesaid, of his or their election, by causing a written notice thereof to be served upon him or them by the city marshal, and every person so chosen or elected as aforesaid, shall within ten days after his election, cause himself to be qualified to enter upon the duties of his office, and in default thereof, the office to which he shall have been elected, shall be deemed and considered in law to be vacated, and it shall be the duty of the city council to prescribe the time and manner, and provide the place or places of holding all elections in said city for city officers, and of making the returns thereof not herein otherwise directed and prescribed; and the said city council shall appoint judges and clerks for all city elections.

SEC. 7. Qualification of voters for city officers—duty of judges of election—oath of qualification. That each and every white male citizen above the age of twenty-one years, who shall have been a resident in said city six months immediately preceding any election for city officers, shall be deemed a qualified voter of said city, and shall be entitled to vote in the same or in the ward where he may reside, for mayor, aldermen, and such other officers as are in and by this act directed to be chosen by the qualified voters of said city, or of their respective wards therein, and all others which by public ordinance may be required to be chosen or elected; and when any person shall present himself to give his vote, and either of the judges shall suspect that such person does not possess the requisite qualifications of an elector, or if his vote shall be challenged by an elector who has previously given his vote at such election, the judge of said election shall tender to such person an oath or affirmation in the following form to-wit: I, A. B. do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be.) that I am a citizen of the United States and that I have been a resident of this city six months immediately pre-[22]-ceding the election; am a resident of this ward, if wards have been established, and to the best of my knowledge and belief have attained the age of twenty-one years. and that I have not voted at this election.

SEC. 8. Disqualification of city councilmen. That no member of the city council shall be eligible to any office within the gift of the city council during the year for which he may have been elected, nor shall any member of the city council be interested directly or indirectly in the profit of any contract or job for work or services to be performed for the city.

SEC. 9. Duty of mayor. That the mayor shall sign all by-laws and ordinances adopted and passed by the city council, and [see] that the same are published six days before they go into effect. He shall preside when present at the meetings of the city council, and be denominated president of the same and when there is a tie, shall give the casting vote; he shall do and perform such other duties as the city council may prescribe and determine, not inconsistent with the provisions of the charter.

SEC. 10. All city officers to take an oath—officers to give bond to the city—fees—fines—duty of city recorder. That the recorder, assessor, marshal, and collector, and treasurer, and all other officers under the government of said city, shall before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, take an oath or affirmation to support the constitution of the United States and of this state, and faithfully and impartially to perform the several duties of their offices to which they may have been respectively elected or appointed, and when required shall give such bond to the city, with good and sufficient security, in such sum or sums, and with such conditions thereto as the city council may from time to time direct, and in all cases not herein provided for, shall respectively be allowed and receive such fees and compensation for their services, and be liable to such fines, penalties and forfeitures for negligence, carelessness, misconduct in office, and positive violation of duty, as the said city council shall order and determine; and it shall be the duty of the said recorder to keep the seal of said city, and all the records, papers and official documents thereunto belonging; he shall keep fair books wherein shall be kept the accounts of the city; attest all orders issued by the city council for the payment of money, and enter the same in numerical order in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall perform such other duties as shall be required of him by ordinance.

SEC. 11. City council to fix time and place of holding their meetings—provide for the election of city officers not herein provided for—term of office. That the city council shall provide for the times and places of holding their meetings not herein otherwise provided for, which shall at all times be open to the public; they shall provide by ordinance for the election by the qualified voters of said city of such other city officers, whose election is not herein otherwise provided for, as shall be necessary for the good government of said city, and the due exercise of [23] its corporate powers, and which shall have been provided for by ordinance; and all city officers whose term of service is not prescribed and whose powers and duties are not defined in and by this act, shall perform such duties, exercise such powers, and continue in office for such term of time, not exceeding one year, as shall be prescribed by ordinance.

SEC. 12. Duty of city council in the event of a vacancy of any office under this act. That whenever the office of mayor, councilmen, treasurer, marshal, recorder, or any other officer in and by this act specified and provided for, shall become vacant by death, resignation, removal from the city or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the council, as soon as may be, to appoint some suitable person having the requisite qualifications, to fill such vacancy, and the person so appointed shall continue in office during the remainder of the term for which his predecessor was elected, and in case of sickness or temporary absence of the mayor, the duties of his office, during such sickness or temporary absence, shall be discharged by the president pro-tempore, who shall be obeyed and respected accordingly.

SEC. 13. City council to publish certain ordinances—power to make and publish ordinances for the health, safety, and prosperity of the city. That the said city council shall have power, and it is hereby made their duty, to make and publish from time to time, all such ordinances as shall be necessary to secure said city and the inhabitants thereof, against injuries by fire, thieves, robbers, burglars, and all other persons violating the public peace; for the suppression of riots and gambling, and indecent and disorderly conduct; for the punishment of all lewd and lascivious behavior in the streets and other public places in said city. They shall have power, from time to time, to make and publish all such laws and ordinances as to them shall seem necessary to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of said city and the inhabitants thereof; to impose fines, forfeitures, and penalties on all persons offend-

ing against the laws and ordinances of said city, and provide for the prosecution, recovery and collection thereof, and shall have power to regulate by ordinance the keeping and sale of gunpowder within the city.

SEC. 14. Duty as to fire companies—establish landing, fix rates of landing. That the city council shall have power to establish and organize all fire companies, and provide them with proper engines and such other instruments as shall be necessary to extinguish fire and preserve the property of the inhabitants of said city from conflagration, and they shall have power to establish and constitute landing places, wharves, docks, and basins in said city, at or on any of the city property, and fix the rates of landing, wharfage, and dockage of all steamboats, boats, rafts, and other water crafts, and of all goods, wares, merchandize, produce and other articles that may be moored at, landed on, [24] or taken from any landing, wharf, dock, or basin, belonging to said city.

SEC. 15. In certain events to prohibit erection of buildings unless certain conditions complied with. That for the purpose of more effectually securing said city from the destructive ravages of fire, the said city council shall have power and authority, on the application of three-fourths of the whole number of owners and proprietors of any square, or fractional square, in said city, to prohibit in the most effectual manner the erection of any building, or the addition to any building before erected, more than ten feet high in any such square or fractional square, except the outer wall thereof shall be composed entirely of brick or stone and mortar, and to provide for the most prompt removal of any building or addition to any building which may be erected contrary to the true intent and meaning of this section.

SEC. 16. Council to regulate taverns, groceries, and all exhibitions—to license ferries, and to fix the rates of same—power to council to license—power to revoke license. That the city council shall have power, and it is hereby made their duty, to regulate by good and wholesome laws and ordinances, all taverns, ale, beer, cider and porter shops, and places where spiritous liquors are sold in less quantities than one gallon, and all other houses of public entertainment in said city, all theatrical exhibitions and public shows, and all exhibitions of whatever name or nature to which admission is obtained on payment of money or any other reward; to license and establish ferries across the Mississippi river from said city to the opposite shore, to fix the rates of the same, and to impose reasonable fines and penalties for the violation of any such laws and ordinances. And the city council shall have full and exclusive power to grant or refuse license to tavern keepers, inn-holders, retailers of spiritous liquors by less quantities than one gallon, keepers of ale, porter, cider, beer houses and shops, and all other houses of public entertainment, showmen, keepers, and managers of theatrical exhibitions, and other exhibitions for money or other reward, auctioneers for the sale of goods, wares, merchandize, horses, and other animals at public auction; keepers of billiard tables, ball and ten pin alleys, keepers of ferries from said city across the Mississippi river to the opposite shore, and in granting any such license it shall be lawful for said city council to exact, demand, and receive such sum or sums of money as they shall think reasonable and expedient, to annex thereto such terms and conditions in regard to time and place and other circumstances under which such license shall be acted upon, as in their opinion the peace, quiet, and good order of society and said city may require. And for the violation of said terms and conditions as aforesaid, the city council shall have power to revoke or suspend any such license whenever the good order and welfare of said city may require it, in such manner as shall be provided by ordinance.

SEC. 17. Abatement of nuisances. That the city council shall have power and they are here-[25]by authorized, to require and compel the abatement and removal of all nuisances within the limits of said city, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by ordinance, to cause the ground therein, where

water shall at any time become stagnant, to be raised, filled up or drained, and to cause all putrid substances of either animal or vegetable, to be removed; and to effect these objects the said city council may from time to time give orders to the proprietor or proprietors, or to his, her or their agent or agents, and to the non-resident proprietors who have no agents therein, notice by publication in one or more of the newspapers printed in said city, for the period of two weeks, of all or any ground subject at any time to be covered with stagnant water, to fill up, raise or drain such ground at their own expense, and the said city council shall designate how high such grounds shall be filled up and raised, or in what manner they shall be drained, and fix some reasonable time for filling up, raising or draining the same, and if such proprietor or proprietors or agents, shall neglect or refuse to fill up, raise or drain such grounds in such manner, and within such time as the said city council shall have designated and fixed, they shall cause the same to be done at the expense of the city, and assess the amount of the expenses thereof on the lot, or lots of ground so filled up, raised or drained as aforesaid, and place the assessment so made as aforesaid in the hands of the city collector, who shall proceed to collect the same by the sale of such lot or lots, if not otherwise paid, in such manner and under such restrictions and regulations as may be prescribed by ordinance: *provided*, the proprietor or proprietors shall have the privilege and right to redeem such lot or lots within one year after such sale, by paying to the purchaser or purchasers the amount by them paid, together with ten per cent interest thereon.

SEC. 18. Appointment of supervisors and other officers of streets—their duty. That the said city council shall have the exclusive power of appointing supervisors and other officers of streets and highways within the said city, and if collected in money or labor, any sum not exceeding one dollar annually as a road tax, from each and every person liable by law to pay such tax or labor on the highways; they shall have power, whenever the public convenience or safety shall require it, to prohibit hogs, cattle, horses, and all other animals from running at large in the streets, lanes, alleys, commons, and other public places in said city; they shall have power to license and regulate all carts, wagons, and drays, and every description of two and four wheeled carriages which may be kept in said city for hire, and all livery stables, brokers, and loan offices.

SEC. 19. Establish public schools. That said city council shall have power, whenever they deem it expedient, to provide for the establishment and support of pub-[26]lic schools within said city, and to pass all ordinances necessary and proper for the good government of the same.

SEC. 20. Money collected to be paid into city treasury—persons to account for moneys received and paid out—statement to be published of receipts and expenditures. That all money raised, recovered, received or collected by means of any tax, license, penalty, fine, forfeiture or otherwise, made under the authority of this act, or which may belong to said city, shall be paid into the city treasury, and shall not be drawn therefrom except by order or under the authority of the city council; and it shall be the duty of the city council to liquidate and settle all claims and demands against said city, and to require all officers, agents, or other persons entrusted with the disbursement or expenditure of the public money, to account to them therefor, at such time and in such manner as they may direct, and they shall annually publish for the information of the citizens a particular statement of the receipts and expenditures of all public moneys belonging to said city, and also of all debts due and owing to and from the same. And the city council shall have power to pass all such laws and ordinances as may be necessary and proper to carry into effect the powers herein and by this act granted.

SEC. 21. Ordinances to be signed by mayor and published. That every law or ordinance of said city, before it shall be of any force or validity or in any manner binding on the inhabitants thereof or others, shall be signed by the mayor and published in one or more newspapers in said city at least six days.

SEC. 22. To establish grades of streets. The city council shall have exclusive power to establish and regulate the grades of wharves, streets, and banks along the Mississippi river within the corporate limits of said city.

SEC. 23. Power of mayor to issue process—hold a court, to fine, imprison, or discharge—to call a jury—duty of marshal—to commit offenders to jail in Lee county—fees of certain officers—mayor to issue process against criminals of state and try them as justice of the peace. And the mayor, within said city, shall have full power and authority, and it is hereby made his duty at such times as complaint and application shall be duly made before him, to issue all needful process for the apprehension of offenders against any of the by-laws, ordinances or regulations of said city, and to hold a court for the trial of all offenders within said city, and the same to fine, imprison, or discharge, as the by-laws, ordinances and regulations of said city and the facts of the case may require, and for that purpose he is authorized and required to cause to come before him when necessary, a jury of six citizens of said city who shall be qualified voters of said city; and all such offenders on conviction, shall be liable for the costs of prosecution and judgment shall go accordingly, and in case of acquittal the same shall be paid by the corporation, having first been allowed by the city council, and shall be executed and returned by the marshal within said city council, and until other provisions shall be made by the city authorities it shall be lawful to commit all offenders against said by-laws, ordinances and regulations, on conviction, to the jail in Lee county—and in case where a portion or all of the punishment shall be imprison-[27]ment, the keeper of said jail is hereby required to receive such person or persons, on the proper warrant of the mayor, into his custody in the same manner as in ordinary cases, and all expenses of such imprisonment, in cases where the same cannot be collected from the person or persons convicted and imprisoned, shall be paid out of the city treasury. The fees of the mayor, marshal, or jurors in such cases shall be the same as are allowed by statute in similar cases for the state of Iowa. The said mayor is also hereby authorized to issue all needful process to arrest any offenders against the criminal laws of the state, and shall proceed to try said person or persons by the same rules that govern justices of the peace.

SEC. 24. Marshal to receive same fees as constable of Jackson township. The city marshal shall, within the city, in matters of a criminal nature arising under any law of the state, possess the same powers, perform the same duties, and receive the same compensation as either constable in Jackson township; he shall execute and return all process issued by the mayor under this act, or any ordinance of the city.

SEC. 25. Trials to be proceeded with in a summary manner—party entitled to a jury. That all trials for the violation of the by-laws, ordinances and regulations, shall be in a summary manner, and that no person shall for any offence, be deprived of his or her liberty, or be fined in any sum not less than one, nor more than fifty dollars, unless convicted by a jury of six citizens of said city qualified to vote as aforesaid.

SEC. 26. City council to have the custody and control of all city property—citizens to give their assent to disposition of real estate belonging to city of Keokuk. That the said city council shall have the custody, care, and management of all personal, real, or mixed estate, and other corporate property of said city, and all the real, personal and mixed estate, money, funds and resources, which from time to time may be owned by or of right belonging to said city,

with full power to purchase, hold, possess, use and occupy, and to sell and convey the same for the use and benefit of the said city and the inhabitants thereof, *provided*, that the city council shall not have power to sell any real estate belonging to the said city of Keokuk, unless the qualified voters thereof, in pursuance of ten days previous notice given by order of the city council, and published in one or more of the newspapers printed in said city, setting forth the time, place and purpose of voting, and there shall be a majority of written or printed ballots given expressing their assent thereto.

SEC. 27. To levy tax. The city council shall have power to levy an annual tax upon all property, real and personal, within the limits of the said city subject to taxation for county revenue, to carry into effect the provisions of this act: *provided*, that no such tax shall in any one year exceed one-half of one per cent upon the assessed value of the property upon which the same is levied.

[28] **SEC. 28. Council to make out duplicate of taxes, which shall be given to city collector who shall collect the same—collector to pay same on the order of council—illegal assessment corrected by council.** The city council shall make out a duplicate of taxes in proportion to the valuation of the property of each individual in said city, on or before the first day of May in each year, to be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the recorder, which duplicate shall be delivered to the collector of said city, whose duty it shall be to proceed to collect the same within such time, and in such manner as the by-laws or ordinances of the said city shall require, and to pay over the amount of such tax so collected, upon an order of the city council, signed and countersigned in the same manner as is provided for said duplicate: *provided*, that the said council shall have power, on the complaint of any person aggrieved, to correct or amend any illegal or erroneous assessment before making out or delivering such duplicate to the collector.

SEC. 29. General powers of collector to collect taxes—real estate not to be sold for taxes, unless certain requisites are complied with. The collector shall have power to sell personal property, and for want thereof to sell real estate, for the non-payment of taxes within said city, giving the purchaser a certificate of such sale, setting forth a brief description of the property so sold, and at what time he will be entitled to a deed, which certificate shall be assignable by endorsement thereon; but no real estate shall be sold for the non-payment of such taxes, unless the assessment of such tax or taxes shall have been duly notified by publication for at least six consecutive weeks before the day when the said taxes are payable, in some newspaper published in said city, or by notice posted for the same length of time in some public place in each ward thereof, nor unless the intended sale of such real estate shall have been notified in the same manner, and for the same length of time prior to such sale.

SEC. 30. Real estate sold for taxes may be redeemed within two years. All real estate sold under or by virtue of section twenty-nine may be redeemed by the owner thereof at any time within two years from the date of the sale thereof, by paying the amount of the taxes for which the same was sold, with costs of advertising and sale, and fifty per cent interest per annum upon the whole amount of such taxes and costs. But if any real estate so sold remain unredeemed at the expiration of two years from the date of the sale thereof, the collector of said city shall, upon the payment of a fee of one dollar to him by the purchaser of such real estate at such sale, his assignee or legal representative, make, execute, and deliver a deed of such real estate to the said purchaser or his assignee or representative.

SEC. 31. City council may borrow money. The said city council, whenever they think it expedient, shall have power by ordinance to borrow money on the credit of the city, provided it shall not exceed \$20,000, and also to appropriate money and to provide for the payment of all debts and expenses of the city.

[29] **SEC. 32. Powers of mayor and aldermen.** That the present mayor and aldermen of the city of Keokuk shall have all the power and authority granted in this charter to the mayor and aldermen, and said mayor and aldermen are hereby authorized to perform all the duties prescribed in this charter, from and after its passage, until their successors in office shall be elected by the citizens of Keokuk and qualified to fill such offices.

SEC. 33. This act declared a public act. That this act shall be taken and received in all courts, and by all judges, magistrates and other public officers. as a public act, and all printed copies of the same which shall be printed by and under the authority of the senate and house of representatives, shall be admitted as good authority thereof without any other proof whatsoever.

SEC. 34. Conflicting acts repealed. That all acts and parts of acts heretofore passed relative to the incorporation of said city of Keokuk, and coming within the purview of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 35. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.
Approved, Dec. 13, 1848.

CHAPTER 4.

ELECTION PRECINCT.

AN ACT to establish an additional election precinct in Van Buren township, in Van Buren county, Iowa.

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

SECTION 1. Poll to be opened at Pittsburg. That there shall hereafter be a poll opened and a vote taken at each general and special election at the town of Pittsburg, in the county of Van Buren, in addition to the poll now opened at the city of Keosauqua, in said county, for the election of all officers required to be elected under the constitution and laws of this state.

SEC. 2. Justices of the peace made judges of election—additional trustees elected—who shall vote for additional trustees—duties of said trustees. *Be it further enacted,* That two justices of the peace of Van Buren township, be hereby required to open a poll at the town of Pittsburg in said county, at the next township election, and that said justices preside as judges of said election and appoint their clerks, and that there shall be at said election two additional trustees of said township elected, who shall continue in office until their successors shall be chosen and qualified, which shall be done annually thereafter by the qualified electors; *provided,* that in the election of said two trustees, the qualified voters of said Van Buren township, who reside on the [30] southwest side of the Des Moines river shall be entitled to vote and none others, and *provided further,* that the two trustees so elected shall have no further power, except to hold the election aforesaid.

SEC. 3. Trustees to open polls. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the trustees so elected, to open polls at the town of Pittsburg aforesaid, at each general and special election for state, county, township, and other officers.

SEC. 4. Judges to return votes. That the judges of the election held as aforesaid, shall return to the proper office the votes cast at the said precinct, within the time and in the manner prescribed by the election laws of this state, and under the restrictions of the same.

SEC. 5. Trustees subject to regulations of law. That the trustees selected