

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 Conflicting acts repealed.** That all acts and parts of acts heretofore passed relative to the incorporation of said city of Keokuk, and coming within the purview of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.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

under the provisions of this act, shall be subject to all regulations imposed by law in relation to township trustees.

**SEC. 6. Take effect.** This act to take effect from and after its publication in the news-papers printed in Van Buren county.

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## CHAPTER 5.

### STATE ROAD.

AN ACT to establish a state road from Cedar Rapids in Linn county, to Marengo in Iowa county.

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

**SECTION 1. Commissioners—duties.** That Joseph Greene, James Ure and S. W. Durham, of Linn county, are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a state road from Cedar Rapids in Linn county, thence on the best and most direct route to Scott's Grove, on Prairie creek, thence to Marengo in Iowa county.

**SEC. 2. When to meet.** That said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at Cedar Rapids on the first day of April next, or within three months thereafter, and proceed to lay out and establish said road, being governed in all things according to the statute in such case made and provided.

**SEC. 3. Take effect.** This act shall take effect from and after its passage.  
Approved, Dec. 23, 1848.

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## [31] CHAPTER 6.

### STATE ROAD.

AN ACT to establish a state road from Delhi in Delaware county, to Independence in Buchanan county.

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

**SECTION 1. Commissioners—Duties.** That J. W. Clark and Clement Coffin of the county of Delaware, and S. P. Stoughton of the county of Buchanan, are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a state road from Delhi in Delaware county, to Independence in Buchanan county.

**SEC. 2. When to meet.** That said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at Delhi on the first Monday in April next, or within sixty days thereafter, and proceed to lay out said road on the most practicable route to Coffin's Grove, from thence as nearly as may be, on the connection [dividing] line between towns [townships] eighty-eight and eighty-nine, to Independence in Buchanan county.

**SEC. 3. Employ surveyor.** That said commissioners shall take to their assistance a surveyor and other necessary hands, and they shall receive such compensation, and in such manner, as is approved by law.

**SEC. 4. Take effect.** This act to take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, Dec. 23, 1848.