

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, Jan. 15, 1848.

CHAPTER 78.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

AN ACT to establish normal schools.

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

SECTION 1. **State divided into three districts—each district to educate eight teachers—proviso—duties of superintendent.** That the state be divided into three districts, in each of which there shall be established a normal school for the education of common school teachers and others. Each school shall educate eight teachers, free of charge of tuition, who shall teach, for the term of three years, common schools within the state: said schools shall be established at Andrew, Oskaloosa, and Mount Pleasant: *provided always*, that religious sectarianism shall, under no circumstances, be incorporated into the system of instruction contemplated in this act. The superintendent of public instruction shall proceed, as soon after the passage of this act as practicable, to divide the state into three districts.

SEC. 2. **Trustees, and the term for which appointed.** That each normal school shall be governed by a board of seven trustees, to be appointed by the board of trustees of the university, two of whom shall hold their office two years, two for three years, one for four years, one for five years, and one for six years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified: their respective terms of service to be determined by lot at the first regular meeting of the board after their organization.

[94] SEC. 3. **When trustees to meet.** The board of trustees shall meet on the first Wednesday of April next, and appoint a president, vice president, secretary, who shall also be librarian and treasurer, and prepare a code of by-laws for the government of their body, and rules and regulations for the government of the school.

SEC. 4. **\$500 appropriated—proviso.** That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, annually, to each school, to be drawn quarterly out of the university fund by the several treasurers, to be expended in payment of teacher's wages, purchasing books, maps, charts, globes, chemical and philosophical apparatus, and mathematical instruments: *provided always*, that the friends of education shall furnish funds to the amount of not less than five hundred dollars to erect such buildings for the use of said normal schools as the board of trustees may deem necessary.

SEC. 5. **Report to superintendent.** The board of trustees shall, annually, or oftener if required, report to the superintendent of public instruction the condition of their school, progress of improvement of pupils, and state of the finances, in such a manner as prescribed by the aforesaid officers.

SEC. 6. **Annual meeting.** The annual meeting of the board shall be on the first Wednesday of October, in each year, at which time they shall report the names of pupils qualified to teach common schools.

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

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