

[99] CHAPTER 62.

COMMISSIONER OF DESMOINES RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

AN ACT to authorize the commissioner of the Des Moines river improvement to sell certain lands.

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

SECTION 1. Commissioner to sell—\$1.25 per acre—county seat. That the commissioner of the Des Moines river improvement, be and he is hereby authorized to sell at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre to the county judge of Boone county, for the use of the seat of justice of said county, the northwest quarter of section twenty-nine, of township eighty-four, north of range twenty-six west.

SEC. 2. Take effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 24, 1853.

CHAPTER 63.

IOWA CITY.

AN ACT to incorporate Iowa City.

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

SECTION 1. Boundaries. That the town of Iowa City, situated in section ten and the northwest quarter of section fifteen, in township seventy-nine, north of range six west, in Johnson county, is hereby declared to be a city, by the name of "Iowa City."

SEC. 2. Incorporation. The said city is made a body corporate, and is invested with all the powers and attributes of a municipal corporation.

SEC. 3. Council. The legislative authority of the city is vested in a city council, consisting of a mayor and board of aldermen, composed of three from each ward of the city.

SEC. 4. Wards—may be changed. The said city shall be divided into three wards, as follows, to wit: That portion lying south of Burlington street, [100] shall constitute the first ward; that portion lying north of Burlington street, and south of Jefferson street, shall constitute the second ward; and all that portion lying north of Jefferson street, shall constitute the third ward: provided, that the said city council may change, unite, or divide the said wards, or any of them, whenever they shall think it for the interest of the city.

SEC. 5. Qualification of voters. Every white male citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have been a resident of the city six months, and of the ward in which he offers his vote ten days next preceding a city election, is declared a citizen of the said city, and is entitled to vote at all the elections thereof.

SEC. 6. Conducting elections. The elections of the city (for officers) shall be conducted in a manner as similar to that in which the elections are conducted in the townships as the nature of the case permits.