

CHAPTER 99.

BREMER AND BUTLER.

AN ACT to locate the county seats of the counties of Bremer and Butler.

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

SECTION 1. **Commissioners—Bremer county.** That James Wood, of Black Hawk county, and Thomas Clark, of Butler county, and O. H. P. Roszell, of Buchanan county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and establish the county seat of Bremer county.

SEC. 2. **Commissioners—Butler county.** That John T. Barricks and William Payne, of Bremer county, and D. C. Overman, of Black Hawk county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and establish the county seat of Butler county.

SEC. 3. **Time and place of meeting—oath—recorded.** That said commissioners, or any two of them, shall meet in some place in the county for which they are respectively appointed, on the first Monday of May next, or within two months thereafter, and after taking the following oath, shall proceed to locate and establish the seat of justice of the respective counties: "We, A B and C, do solemnly swear, or affirm, that we have no personal interest in the location of [156] the seat of justice for _____ county, and that we will faithfully and impartially locate the same according to the best interest of said county, taking into consideration the future as well as the present population of said county;" which oaths shall be filed in the office of the county judge of Buchanan county, and by him recorded.

SEC. 4. **Certificate—filed.** As soon as said commissioners respectively come to a determination, they shall make out a certificate, containing a particular description of the places so selected, and name the same, which shall be signed by said commissioners and filed in the office of the county judge of Buchanan county, and there recorded, and the places thus designated shall be the respective seats of justice of said counties respectively.

SEC. 5. **Compensation.** That said commissioners shall each receive two dollars per day while necessarily employed in the discharge of their duties, and two dollars for every twenty miles travel in going and returning, to be paid out of the county treasury of each county respectively.

SEC. 6. **Take effect.** This act to be in force from and after its publication.

Approved, January 24. 1853.

CHAPTER 100.

UNIVERSITY.

AN ACT to increase the powers of the trustees of the branch of the state university, at Fairfield.

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

SECTION 1. **Trustees may sell—mortgage.** That the trustees of the branch of the State University, established at Fairfield, are hereby authorized and empowered to transfer or mortgage the whole, or any portion, of the grounds and buildings belonging to the institution, to such person, persons, or body

corporate, and in such manner as in the discretion of said trustees may be most advantageous to said institution.

SEC. 2. **Repeal.** All laws contravening the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

[157] SEC. 3. **Take effect.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication.

CHAPTER 101.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT to extend the powers of school districts.

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

SECTION 1. **Permanent district—alteration—trustees.** That any school district by which this act may be adopted, as hereinafter provided, shall form a permanent school district, not subject to alteration by the school fund commissioner, but may be altered by a vote of the majority of the legal voters of the district, or districts, where the proposed alteration affects more than one district, and shall be under the direction of three trustees; (which number may be increased to six by a vote of the district, at any regular meeting,) and to be styled the "board of directors."

SEC. 2. **Classification—term.** Within ten days after their election, the said board shall meet and cause the said trustees to be divided into three classes, to be denominated the first, second, and third classes; the term of office of the first class shall expire at the end of one year; of the second class, at the end of two years, and of the third class at the end of three years, from the time of their election.

SEC. 3. **Election—term.** There shall, in like manner, in each year thereafter, be elected one or two trustees (as the case may be.) for said district to supply the place, or places, of those whose term of office is about to expire. They shall hold their office for three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified. The term of office of all trustees elected pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall commence on the first Monday after their election, and said election shall take place in each year thereafter, on the second Monday of April.

SEC. 4. **President—secretary—pro tempore—collector and treasurer.** At the first meeting of the board, after an election, they shall select one of their number president, and another [158] secretary. In the absence of either of such officers at any regular meeting, a president or secretary may be appointed for the time being. They shall also appoint a collector and treasurer, who shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the board, who shall give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties.

SEC. 5. **Board powers and duties—rate bill—warrant—fees—proviso.** The board shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to fix the rate of tuition fees in their respective schools, and to designate a person, or persons, to whom the same may be paid previous to the issuing a warrant for the collection thereof, and at the expiration of ten days after the close of each school term, to make out a "rate bill," containing the name of each person liable to pay tuition fees, who shall not have paid them, (prior to the making out of such "rate bill," and issuing such warrant) to the person, or persons, designated by the board for that purpose, and the amount for which each person is liable, adding thereto a sum not exceeding ten cents on each dollar