

[S. F. 108.]

## CHAPTER 88.

[Chap. 143.]

## CITY OF DUBUQUE.

AN ACT to grant to the City of Dubuque title to certain lands.

WHEREAS, The city of Dubuque has purchased of the United States a large tract of land, consisting of low lands and islands, lying between the main channel of the Mississippi river and the main west bank thereof, and has received of the United States patents therefor, and has expended and caused to be expended large sums of money in running streets across, filling and improving said low lands and islands, and the sloughs and ponds of water which intersect the same, and

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen whether the title of said lands is now in the state of Iowa, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. **State releases title to certain lands and islands.** That there be, and there is hereby granted and released to the city of Dubuque, all the title and interest vested in the state of Iowa, in and to the lands and islands, and in the beds of the sloughs and ponds of water within so much of section number [109] nineteen and thirty, in township number eighty-nine, north of range number three, east of the fifth principal meridian, and also within so much of sections number twenty-four and twenty-five, in township number eighty-nine, north of range number two, east of the fifth principal meridian, as lies east of a line commencing at a point where the north line of said section number nineteen intersects with the west shore of Lake Peosta; thence southerly along the west shore of Lake Peosta, and of the slough, to the north-east corner of lot number five hundred and two, at the foot of twelfth street, in the city of Dubuque; thence on the easterly line of said lot and lots number five hundred and three, five hundred and seven, five hundred and eight, and five hundred and ten, to the north-east corner of lot number four hundred and four; thence on the west line of the levee, as laid out on the plat of the town of Dubuque, made by survey by the government of the United States, to where the same intersects with the south line of the said town of Dubuque, on section number twenty-five aforesaid; thence on the west shore of the slough to the south line of the said section number twenty-five; Provided nothing in this act shall affect the rights of private individuals holding title either from the general government or school fund.

SEC. 2. This act shall in no wise limit or impair the jurisdiction of the state of Iowa upon the lands and territory hereby granted and released.

SEC. 3. This act to take effect from and after its publication in the Daily Dubuque Times and Daily Iowa State Journal, without expense to the state.

Approved March 3d, 1860.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Journal April 14, 1860.

ELIJAH SELLS,  
Secretary of State.

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## CHAPTER 89.

[Chap. 144.]

## BLIND ASYLUM AT VINTON.

AN ACT making further appropriations for the Blind Asylum at Vinton.

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

SECTION 1. **Gov'n'r. appoint com'r.** That one commissioner of the "Institution for the education of the Blind" at Vinton, shall be appointed by

the governor of this state, who shall as soon as practicable after the taking effect of this act, take into possession all money, books, paper and material of whatever kind and character, together with all claims, grounds, &c., that may be in the possession of the present commissioner, or other parties, belonging to said institution, and safely keep the same for the use of the said institution.

**SEC. 2. Com'rs give bond.** Said commissioner shall give a bond to the state, in the sum of five thousand dollars, which shall be approved by the governor and filed in the office of the secretary of state, and before entering upon his duties, shall take and subscribe an oath faithfully to discharge his duties as such commissioner according to law. Said commissioner shall be removed at the pleasure of the governor.

**SEC. 3. \$10,000 appropriated.** There is hereby appropriated the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to build the wall of the said blind asylum at Vinton, to the top of the third story, above the basement story, and to cover the same with a good, substantial pine shingle roof, and to so enclose the windows and doors as to protect the building from damage—using in said work all the material now on hand, or that may be due from individuals indebted upon subscription.

**SEC. 4. Plan of building changed.** The internal plan of the building shall be so changed as to dispense entirely with a chapel, and the room designed for a chapel shall be finished the same height of other rooms on the same floor, and the plan shall be so changed as to accommodate the great- [111] est number of pupils, which changes in plan shall be made with the approval of the governor.

**SEC. 5. Changes approved by the gov.** No part of said appropriation provided for in the third section of this act shall be drawn until the said commissioner shall submit to the governor, plans and specifications, making such changes in the style of finish and in the internal arrangements, as will bring the remaining cost of completing said building, within twenty thousand dollars, as shown by a reliable proposal of responsible parties for the completion of said building according to definite and full specifications accompanying such proposal.

**SEC. 6. Auditor issue warrants upon governor's approval.** The auditor of state shall issue a warrant or warrants, upon the state treasurer for the payment of said appropriations in section three of this act, only upon the proposal embodying the specifications as required in section 5, accepted by the commissioner and approved by the governor.

**SEC. 7. Repealing.** That so much of the act entitled an act to locate and provide for the erection of an "Institution for the education of the Blind of the State of Iowa," approved March 22, 1858, by which commissioners were appointed to superintend the same, is hereby repealed.

**SEC. 8. Take effect.** This act shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Journal and the Iowa State Register.

Approved April 3, 1860.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register April 18, 1860.

ELIJAH SELLS,  
Secretary of State.

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CHAPTER 90.

[Chap. 146.]

EVIDENCE.

AN ACT in relation to Evidence.

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

**SECTION 1. Parties in interest may be examined.** That on the trial of any issue joined, or of any matter, or of any inquiry arising in any action or other