

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A SCHOOL FOR THE INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING OF TEACHERS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, It is generally conceded that more and additional facilities for the training and instruction of teachers of the common schools is of vital importance to the educational interests of the State; and

WHEREAS, The State Normal School at Cedar Falls, Black Hawk county, is, on account of its location, inadequate to meet the increasing demands of the people of the State, and specially the northwest portion thereof; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Algona, Kossuth county, have signified their willingness to donate the necessary grounds for the purpose of locating and establishing an additional normal school at that place and

WHEREAS, The location is well supplied with railroad facilities and other conveniences for the successful operation of a school of that kind; and

WHEREAS, More than one-fourth of the State, being the northwestern portion thereof, has not located or maintained within its limits a State institution of any kind; and

WHEREAS, The said town of Algona is well situated to meet the demands of this vast and rapidly developing portion of the State, and is on account of its location, healthfulness, and the elevation of its citizens especially, a desirable point for the location of such an institution,

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

SECTION 1. That a school for the special instruction and training of teachers for the common schools of this State, is hereby established at Algona, in Kossuth county.

SEC. 2. The school shall be under the management and control of a board of directors, consisting of six members, no two of whom shall be from the same county. They shall be elected by the General Assembly, two for two years, two for four years, and two for six years, and the General Assembly shall elect two members of said board every two years for the full term of six years, as the terms of office of the respective classes expire. Their term of office shall commence on the first day of May following their election. No member of the board shall be a teacher in the school, or receive other compensation for his services than a reimbursement of his actual expenses, to be certified to by him and paid out of the State treasury. Any vacancy occurring in the board shall be filled by appointment by the Governor.

SEC. 3. The board shall convene at the call of the Superintendent of Public Instruction on or before May 15, 1886, and having each qualified according to law, shall organize by the election of a president and vice-president from their number, and a secretary and treasurer,

4 who shall be persons not members of the board. The secretary shall receive such compen-  
5 sation as may be fixed by the board not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars and actual  
6 traveling expenses. The treasurer shall receive no compensation, but shall receive reim-  
7 bursement of actual expenses.

SEC. 4. The board shall require of the treasurer a bond in the sum of twenty thousand  
2 dollars with proper and sufficient sureties, conditioned for the safe keeping and disburse-  
3 ment of funds coming into his hands. He shall receive and disburse all moneys hereby ap-  
4 propriated, and any other funds as the board may provide. The board may require of any  
5 other officer or employe who may be authorized to receive or pay out money, a sufficient  
6 bond in like manner.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the board in every necessary manner with the means at  
2 their disposal, to provide for and carry out the object for which the school is established.  
3 For that purpose they shall employ competent and suitable teachers and other employes.  
4 They shall direct, use and control all the property of the State coming into their hands for  
5 that purpose. They shall control and direct the expenditure of all moneys. They shall  
6 make all necessary rules for the management of the school and the government thereof, and  
7 shall provide for the admission of pupils from the several counties of the State in proportion  
8 to their respective population, or as the board may direct. They shall establish uniform  
9 rules for admission thereto, and such rules shall provide for equal rights in said school to  
10 all the teachers of the State, but they shall require in all cases satisfactory evidence of the  
11 good character of the pupil. They shall also further require all pupils on their admission  
12 to the school to sign a statement of their intention in good faith to follow the business of  
13 teaching in the schools of the State. It shall also be the duty of the board to make all  
14 proper and necessary arrangements with the means at their disposal for the boarding and  
15 lodging of the pupils, but the pupils shall pay the cost of the same. They shall require  
16 each pupil to pay a fee for contingent expenses not to exceed one dollar per month. The  
17 school shall be open during such part of the year as the board shall determine, but the  
18 sessions shall continue at least twenty-six weeks.

SEC. 6. The board of directors shall, as soon as organized, proceed to the construction of  
2 a suitable building and provide the same with the necessary fixtures and appurtenances for  
3 the carrying out of the provisions of this act, but without a greater expense than is herein  
4 provided for, and said board shall, on or before Sept. 10th, 1887, open the same to the use  
5 and instruction of pupils.

SEC. 7. In addition to the property donated to the State by the town of Algona, the fol-  
2 lowing sums are hereby appropriated for the establishment and maintenance of said normal  
3 school, as follows: For the construction of a suitable building and supplying the same  
4 with the necessary appurtenances, the sum of fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars. For salaries

5 of teachers and employes, the sum of eight thousand (8,000) dollars. For contingent ex-  
6 penses, the sum of one thousand (1,000) dollars. The amount appropriated for the building  
7 and appurtenances may be paid any time on the order of the board. The remaining sums,  
8 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be paid in equal quarterly payments, com-  
9 mencing Sept. 1st, 1887, or so soon as the building is ready for use and occupancy under  
10 the provisions of this act.

SEC. 8. The board shall at the end of each school year make to the State Superintendent  
3 of Public Instruction a detailed report of their proceedings during the year. The report  
3 shall also show the number of teachers employed in the school, with the compensation of  
4 each, the number of pupils classified, the amount of receipts and expenditures, with the  
5 items thereof, with such other information and recommendations as may by them be  
6 deemed expedient, which report shall be embodied in the report of the State Superintendent  
7 of Public Instruction to the General Assembly.

SEC. 9. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after  
2 its publication in the Iowa State Register and Iowa State Leader, newspapers published at  
3 Des Moines, Iowa.