

court in the counties of Iowa, Grant and Lafayette, in the fifth judicial circuit of this State, shall be held as follows:

In the county of Iowa, on the third Monday in March, and the third Monday in September of each year.

Terms of court

In the county of Grant, on the first Monday in April, and the first Monday in October of each year.

In the county of Lafayette, on the third Monday in April, and the third Monday in October of each year.

SEC. 2. All writs, summons, process, indictments, recognizances and other proceedings, made returnable to the terms of court in said counties, now fixed by law, shall be returnable to the terms as hereinbefore fixed; and all adjournments, appearances, continuances, motions and notices of any proceedings in the circuit courts of said counties, made or taken to any term of a date subsequent to the time when this act shall take effect, shall be held to be made and taken for the time hereinbefore fixed for holding the terms of said courts.

How writs returnable.

SEC. 3. That so much of chapter eighty-three of the revised statutes, as fixes the terms of courts in said counties of Iowa, Grant and Lafayette, in the said fifth judicial circuit, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 4. This act shall immediately after its passage, be published in a public newspaper printed at Madison, to be selected by the secretary of state, and upon the first publication, this act shall take effect and be in full force.

Act to be published.

Approved, February 28, 1853.

An Act to incorporate the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

Chap. 17.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. That Leonard J. Farwell, Mason C. Darling, Wm. R. Smith, Charles Lord, I. A. Lapham, Wm. H. Watson, Cyrus Woodman, James D. Doty, Morgan L. Martin, Lyman C. Draper, Samuel Marshall, John W. Hunt, Albert C. Ingham and O. M. Conover, and their present and future associates, and their successors, be and they are hereby constituted and created a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The State Historical Society of Wisconsin," and by that name shall have perpetual succession with all the faculties and liabilities of a corporation; may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded,

Body corporate

defend and be defended in all courts and places ; and for the purposes of its institution, may do all such acts as are performed by natural persons.

Objects of society.

SEC. 2. The object of the society shall be to collect, embody, arrange and preserve in authentic form, a library of books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, papers, paintings, statuary, and other materials illustrative of the history of the state; to rescue from oblivion the memory of its early pioneers, and to obtain and preserve narratives of their exploits, perils, and hardy adventures; to exhibit faithfully the antiquities, and the past and present condition, and resources of Wisconsin; and may take proper steps to promote the study of history by lectures, and to diffuse and publish information relating to the description and history of the state.

Powers

SEC. 3. Said society may have and use, and at discretion change, a common seal; may ordain and enforce a constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations, and elect such officers as the constitution or by-laws may prescribe: *Provided*, Such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations be not inconsistent with this act, or the law or constitution of this State, or of the United States.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. Said society may receive, hold, purchase and enjoy books, papers and other articles forming its library and collections to any extent, and may acquire and hold, and at pleasure alienate, any other personal and real estate, and may acquire the same by devise, or bequest, or otherwise, not exceeding ten thousand dollars in value, but all its funds shall ever be faithfully appropriated to promote the objects of this formation.

May hold property.

SEC. 5. The incorporators, or a majority of them, with their associates shall meet upon the notice of the present recording secretary of the society, within thirty days after the passage of this act, and upon accepting the same may, if they or a majority of them deem proper, re-organize their present association in accordance with the provisions of this charter.

May re-organize.

Approved March 4, 1853.

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An Act to amend chapter sixteen, section sixty-six, of the Revised Statutes.

Chap. 18.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :*

SECTION 1. Section sixty-six, of chapter sixteen, of the