

state line; thence on the most practicable route to Madison, in Dane county, by way of Monroe and Exeter, county of Green.

Sec. 2. The said commissioners shall receive for laying out said road, such compensation as the supervisors of the several counties through which said road shall run shall determine. Compensation.

Sec. 3. Provided that no moneys in the state treasury shall be appropriated therefor.

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Speaker of the Assembly.
E. B. DEAN, JR.,
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An Act to incorporate the Wisconsin Institute for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb. Chap 481

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

SECTION 1. That Ebenezer Chesebro, William C. Allen, Franklin K. Phoenix, Henderson Hunt, P. W. Lake, Wyman Spooner, Jesse C. Mills, James A. Maxwell, and George Williams are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the "Wisconsin Institute for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb," and by that name they and their successors shall have succession and perpetual existence, with power to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to make and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure, to take or receive by grant, deed, devise, bequest, or otherwise, property, real, personal, and mixed, and have, hold, use, enjoy, and convey the same, to adopt by-laws not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state, and to do all other acts necessary to the existence of the powers herein conferred. Created a body corporate.

Sec. 2. The object and duty of the corporation shall be to establish, continue, and maintain a school for the education of the deaf and dumb, at or near the village of Delavan, and to qualify, as far as may be, that unfortunate class of persons for the enjoyment of the blessings of a free government, obtaining the means of subsistence, and the discharge of those duties social and political, devolving upon American citizens. Object of corporation.

Location,

SEC. 3. The school shall be continued, in or near Delavan, and the corporation shall, as early as practicable, obtain a suitable lot of ground containing not less than five acres nor more than forty acres, and proceed to erect thereon suitable buildings and make such improvements as are necessary for the school.

Power of trustees.

SEC. 4. The persons named in the first section of this act and their successors shall be the trustees of the school, to whom power is given to employ a principal and all teachers, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation and the price of instruction, prescribe the course of study, fix the price of board and all other expenses in the school, and to employ all persons necessary to the maintenance, and to carry out the operations of the school.

Who received.

SEC. 5. All deaf and dumb persons residing in Wisconsin, of suitable age and capacity to receive instructions, shall be received and taught in the said school, and no one of such persons shall be excluded from the privilege and benefit thereof by reason of the reception of persons from other states or territories.

Liability of trustees.

SEC. 6. The trustees for the time being shall be severally liable for the faithful application of all property, funds, and effects which may be received for the use of the institution, and property, funds, and effects received by gift, grant, donation, devise, or bequest shall be applied as directed by the person from whom received.

Officers.

SEC. 7. The officers of the corporation shall be a president, secretary, and treasurer, who shall be appointed by the board of trustees, the president to be elected from their own number, the trustees to serve without compensation.

Term of office.

SEC. 8. The trustees in the first section of this act named shall serve as follows to wit: three shall serve for the term of one year; three for the term of two years; and three for the term of three years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The trustees or a majority of them, who shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, shall meet within thirty days after the publication of this act and organize and determine by lot the three that shall serve one year, the three that shall serve two years, and the three that shall serve three years. The governor shall appoint their successors, whose term of office shall commence on the first day of June and continue for three years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Officers of school

SEC. 9. The officers of the school shall be a principal, who shall have the general charge of the school, and such teachers as may from time to time be appointed. The ac-

ademic and literary degrees usually conferred by institutions for the education of the deaf and dumb, shall be conferred by this institution, and diplomas granted accordingly.

SEC. 10. Deaf and dumb who may be placed in this school by or under the authority of the state or any county, city, or town, or other public corporation, shall be kept, taught, and permitted to enjoy all the benefits and privileges of the school, be furnished with books, boarding, lodging, washing, fuel, and allowed the use of the library, at not exceeding one hundred dollars per scholar for the academic year of fifty-two weeks. The provisions of this section shall apply only to scholars sent from other states or territories. Pupils from other states.

SEC. 11. The sum of one thousand dollars a year for three years is hereby appropriated for the construction of the proper building for the Wisconsin Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb, on the site to be selected by the trustees of said institution, under this charter: *Provided*, That no part of said appropriation shall be paid for the site to be selected for the location of said building. Money appropriated. Proviso.

SEC. 12. The said sums shall be paid to said board of trustees on the order of said board passed at any meeting thereof, in each year, and certified to the treasurer of the state by the president and secretary of said board. How money paid

SEC. 13. There is hereby appropriated for the support of the Wisconsin Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, to be established under this charter, the sum of five hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; which money may be drawn from the state treasury upon the order of the board of trustees, signed by the president and secretary of the institution, quarter yearly; which money shall be applied to the education and support of the deaf and dumb who shall be placed in said institution for instruction, for the year, A. D. 1852: *Provided*, That before any money shall be paid to said board of trustees under the provisions of this act, the said board in their corporate capacity shall execute a deed in fee simple of the land mentioned in section three of this act, to be located by said board for the erection of the buildings for said institute, which deed shall run to the Governor of the state, his successors in office, the same to be perpetually held by the state for the use and benefit of said institute. Further appropriation. Proviso.

SEC. 14. The said board shall also before the receipt of any of the money mentioned in this act, execute to the Governor of the state of Wisconsin, his successor in office, a bond in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, condi- To give bonds.

tioned for the faithful application of the moneys received by the said board, which bond shall be executed by the board of trustees for the time being, together with three sufficient sureties, residents of this state, to be approved by the Governor, which bond when so executed and approved shall be deposited in the office of the secretary of state.

Trustees to deliver plan, &c.

SEC. 15. At the time of the execution and delivery of the bond mentioned in the last preceding section, and before the receipt of the money therein named, the said trustees shall deliver to the governor a plan and specification of the building to be erected upon the site selected for said institute, which plan, when approved by the Governor shall be attached to the bond hereinafter mentioned, and deposited with the secretary of state; the said trustees shall at the same time execute to the Governor a bond conditioned for the erection and completion of a building suitable for said institute upon the site so selected; the same to be erected and finished in accordance with said plan and specifications, within three years from the date of said bond, which bond shall be executed with like sureties and be approved and deposited as required in the fourteenth section of this act.

Public act.

SEC. 16. This act shall be and is hereby declared a public act and the same shall be construed in all courts and places benignly and favorably for every humane, charitable, and laudable purpose therein mentioned: *Provided*, That in case any pupil shall be of sufficient ability to pay for board, lodging, washing, and fuel, or whose parents shall be of sufficient pecuniary ability to pay for the same, that then and in that case the said board of trustees shall demand and receive from such pupil or parent such portion of the expense of support in said school as they may deem right according to the pecuniary ability of such pupil or parent.

Proviso.

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