

PRIVATE LAWS

OF

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

PASSED AT THE

NINETEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD,

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aforsaid, not inconsistent with the laws or constitution of this state.

§ 7. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

APPROVED Feb. 14, 1855.

AN ACT to incorporate the Illinois Institute.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the state of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That there be and hereby is created and established at Wheaton, in the county of Du Page, in this state, a collegiate seminary of learning for the instruction of youths in the various branches of science and literature, the useful arts and the learned and foreign languages.

Located.

§ 2. That the said institution shall be called and known by the name and style of "The Illinois Institute."

Name and style.

§ 3. Rufus Sumry, Joseph Powell, E. Conant, W. S. Wheaton, E. Gary, Stephen Salls, A. Chadwick, S. Chadwick, J. Vallette, R. F. Markham are hereby constituted

Corporators.

a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Trustees of the Illinois Institute," and by that name

Body politic.

shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, which seal they may alter at pleasure; may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; with power to purchase, receive and hold, to them and their successors forever, all lands, tenements, rents, goods and chattels, of what kind soever, which may be purchased by or may be devised or given to them for the use of the said institute, and to lease, sell, rent or otherwise dispose of the same in such manner as shall seem most conducive to the advantage of said institute; to elect and employ such president, professors, instructors and tutors for the benefit of said institute as they may deem necessary; to select and employ a treasurer; to fill vacancies during the interval of conference; to form their own by-laws, and do all business that may be necessary and appropriate to secure the permanency and prosperity of the institute.

General powers.

§ 4. All vacancies occurring in the board to be filled by the Illinois Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America: *Provided*, that the trustees in office may appoint persons to fill vacancies, whose term of service shall only continue until the next session of the annual conference.

Vacancies filled.

President.

§ 5. The president of said institute, by and with the advice of said trustees, shall have power, from time to time, to ordain, regulate and establish the course and mode of instruction and education to be pursued in said institute, and, together with such professors, instructors and tutors as the corporation may designate, shall be styled "The faculty of the Illinois Institute," and shall have power to adopt and enforce such rules as may be deemed expedient for the government of the institution, which rules shall be in force until disproved of or annulled by the trustees and faculty.

Faculty.

Establish departments, &c.

§ 6. The said trustees and faculty shall have power to establish departments for the study of any and all the learned and liberal professions in the same; to confer such degrees as are usually conferred in similar colleges in the United States in the learned arts and sciences. The said trustees may also attach to said institute an academical or preparatory department, a female department and a common school department; and when such common school department shall be in operation agreeably to the common school laws of this state the trustees shall be entitled to draw their proportion of the township, school, college and seminary funds for such scholars as may attend the same: *Provided*, such scholars reside in the township where such institution is located; and may also connect manual labor with any or all of those departments.

Preparatory department.

School funds.

Theological department.

§ 7. The Illinois Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America shall have power to connect with this institution whenever they see fit a theological department

Examination of candidates.

§ 8. The trustees or a majority of them shall have power and authority to meet at such times as they shall think necessary for the examination of any candidate for literary degrees; and they are hereby authorized and empowered, upon recommendation of the faculty, to confer such degrees on such persons as in their opinion shall merit the same in as ample a manner as any other similar institution can do, and under their common seal to testimonials thereof, signed by the faculty of the institute.

Term of office.

§ 9. The above trustees are to hold their office for the term of five years, and the trustees now in office are to go out as follows: Jonathan Valette and S. Chadwick in May, 1855; R. Sumry and E. Conant in May, 1856; W. S. Wheaton and E. Gary in May, 1857; Stephen Salls and A. Chadwick May, 1858; J. Powell and R. F. Markham May, 1859.

Trustees.

May be increased

§ 10. The board of trustees may be increased to the number of twenty at the discretion of the above named annual conference, a majority of which shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

§ 11. The trustees shall also have the power to sell Scholarships. one hundred thousand dollars' worth of scholarships for the purpose of endowing the institution.

§ 12. It shall be the duty of the trustees to hold an Annual meeting. annual meeting, at such time and place as they think best for the purpose of settling all business pertaining to the institute.

APPROVED Feb. 15, 1855.

AN ACT to incorporate the Illinois Military Institute.

In force Feb. 14, 1855.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That James Shields, Thomas L. Harris, L. F. McCrillis, Joseph Perkins, John Moore, James Barret, Washington Iles and William Butler and their associates and successors are hereby created a body corporate and politic, for the purpose of founding, establishing and maintaining an institution of learning and military sciences at or near the city of Springfield, Illinois, to be known by the name of "The Illinois Military Institute."* Corporators. Body politic.

§ 2. Said corporation shall be known by the name and Name and style. style of "The Trustees of Illinois Military Institute," and by that style and name remain and have perpetual General powers. succession, with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; to acquire, hold and convey property, real, personal or mixed, in all lawful ways; to fill all and every vacancy or vacancies occurring in their body by death or otherwise; to make, alter and establish, from time to time, such constitution, rules, by-laws and regulations as they may deem necessary for the good government of said corporation and the proper management of the institution under their control: *Provided*, such constitution, rules, by-laws or regulations be not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States.

§ 3. The number of persons constituting said board Number of trans- of trustees shall never exceed twenty-four, one-fourth actions. of whom shall go out of office annually, eight of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, duly notified and assembled.

§ 4. Said corporation may establish separate departments Objects: of the learned professions generally taught in universities of the highest grade, and shall have power to grant and confer the several degrees in the sciences and