

CHAPTER 183.

[Published March 31, 1864.]

AN ACT to incorporate the Durand institute.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Charles Spooner, Nathaniel Plummer, George Van Waters, James T. Lenton, Moses Hemmingway, George W. Britton, A. T. Spooner, James R. Hanan, L. G. Wood, and their successors, shall be and they are hereby created a body corporate and politic, under the name and style of "Durand institute," and shall be trustees of said corporation, for the purpose of maintaining and conducting an institution of learning, to be located at Durand, in the county of Pepin, in this state, and by said corporate name to remain in perpetual succession, with full power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded; to receive, acquire and hold property, real and personal, by bequest, donation or purchase, and to sell, dispose of and convey the same; to have a common seal, and use, alter and renew the same; to appoint the requisite professors and teachers, and to grant such literary honors and degrees as they may deem proper: *provided*, that the advantages and honors of the institution shall be alike attainable by both sexes.

Corporators.

Name, purposes,
location and
powers.

SECTION 2. The said trustees shall have control of all funds and property that have [been] heretofore or may hereafter be conveyed to said institution, and shall faithfully apply the same, to the best of their judgment, for the benefit of the institution. The said trustees shall also have power to fix the time and place of their meetings, and a majority of their number, which may be increased to eighteen, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Application of
funds.

SECTION 3. The term of office of said trustees shall be three years, one-third of whom shall be elected annually. The first board of trustees shall be divided into three classes. The first class shall hold their offices one year, the second class two years, and the third class three years; and the offices thus vacated shall thereafter be annually filled by an election for three years, or to fill vacancies: *provided, always*, that the trustees shall hold their offices until others are chosen.

Term of office
of trustees.

Classification of trustees.

SECTION 4. The division of said board of trustees into classes, shall be decided by lot at their first meeting, and in the following manner: The name of each of said trustees shall be written or printed on a separate piece of paper, which shall be so folded as to conceal the name, and all of said papers shall be of the same size and folded as nearly alike as practicable, and shall be put together into a box or other convenient receptacle, and one of the said trustees, or some other person selected by the board, shall proceed to draw out, singly, three of said names, and the trustees who names are thus first drawn, shall constitute the first class. The same person shall then in like manner draw out three other names, and the trustees whose names are thus drawn shall constitute the second class, and the remaining three trustees shall constitute the third class.

Exemption from taxation.

SECTION 5. The library, apparatus, cabinets, furniture, buildings and lands, not exceeding twenty-five acres, belonging to said corporation, actually used by the said institution for the purposes thereof, and for no other purpose, shall be exempt from taxation.

No religious test.

SECTION 6. No test of a sectarian character shall be required of any officer, professor, teacher or student in this institution.

First meeting of trustees.

SECTION 7. The board of trustees hereby incorporated, shall hold their first meeting under this act on the first Tuesday in April, 1864, and afterwards shall meet on their own adjournment, or upon such notice as a majority may determine.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 22, 1864.