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Original Acts of the General Assembly of Illinois
Creating the Illinois Industrial University
(Now the University of Illinois)

1867

State of Illinois

Office of the Secretary of State

To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, JESSE WHITE, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the following and hereto attached is a true photostatic copy of "An Act to Provide for the organization of the Illinois Industrial University", as same was approved February 28, 1867, the original of which is now on file and a matter of record at the Illinois State Archives.

*In Testimony Whereof I hereto set my hand and cause
to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois. Done at the
City of Springfield this 8th day of August, A.D. 2005.*

Jesse White

Secretary of State

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General Assembly, State of Illinois
A. D. 1867.

An Act to provide for the
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and maintenance of the
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An Act

To provide for the Organization and Maintenance of The Illinois Industrial University.

Sec 1

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly; That it shall be the duty of the Governor of this State within ten days from the passage of this Act to appoint five Trustees, resident in each of the Judicial Grand Divisions of this State, who, together with one additional trustee resident in each of the Congressional Districts of this State, to be appointed in like manner, with their associates and successors shall be a body Corporate and politic to be styled the "Board of Trustees of the Illinois Industrial University" and by that name and style shall have perpetual succession, have power to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to acquire, hold and convey real and personal property, to have and use a common Seal and to alter the same at pleasure, to make and establish Bylaws, and to alter or repeal the same as they

J. G. Hubbard
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Shall deem necessary for the management or government, in all its various departments and relations of the Illinois Industrial University, for the organization and endowment of which provision is made by this act. Said appointments to be subject to approval or rejection by the Senate at its next regular session thereafter; and the appointees to be and they are hereby authorized to act as trustees as aforesaid until their successors shall be appointed by the Governor, and such appointment shall be approved by the Senate.

Sec. 2

The members of the board of trustees and their successors shall hold their office for the term of six years each; Provided, that at the first regular meeting of said board the said members shall determine by lot, so that, as nearly as may be, one third shall hold their office for two years, one third for four years, and one third for six years, from the first day of said meeting.

The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate

shall fill all vacancies which may at any time occur by expiration of term of office or otherwise in said board, by appointment of suitable persons resident in the respective grand divisions and congressional districts in which such vacancies may occur.

Said Board of Trustees may appoint an executive committee of their own number who when said board is not in session shall have the management and control of the same and for that purpose have and exercise all the powers hereby conferred on said board which are necessary and proper for such object

Section 3 In case the Board of Trustees shall at any time determine to establish a Branch or Department of said University, at any point selected by them; such Branch or Department shall be under the control of the members of said Board residing in the Grand Division and Congressional District where said Branch shall be located, unless otherwise ordered by said Board of Trustees. Provided that no portion of the funds resulting from the Congressional grant of land for the endowment of said University or from any donation now or

hereafter to be made by the County, City or Town at or near which the University is located, and no portion of the interest or proceeds of either of said funds shall ever be applied to the support of any branch or department located outside of the County wherein said University is located by this act.

Sec 4.

The first regular meeting of the board of trustees shall be held at such place as the Governor may designate on the second Tuesday in March A.D. 1867. at which meeting they shall elect a Regent of the University, who together with the Governor Superintendent of Public Instruction and President of the State Agricultural Society shall be Ex officio Members of said board of trustees, said regent if present shall preside at all meetings of the board of trustees and of the faculty and shall be charged with the general supervision of the educational facilities and interests of the University; his term of office shall be two years, and his compensation shall be fixed by the board of trustees.

Sec 5

At the first and at each biennial meeting thereafter it shall be the duty

of the board to appoint a treasurer, who shall not be a member of the board and who shall give bonds, with such security as the board of trustees shall deem amply sufficient to guard the university from danger of loss or diminution of the funds entrusted to his care. The trustees may appoint also, a corresponding secretary, whose duty it shall be, under the direction or with the approval of the trustees, to issue circulars, directions for procuring needful materials, for conducting experiments and eliciting instructive information from persons in various counties, selected for that purpose and skilled in any branch of agricultural, mechanical and industrial art, and to do all other acts needful to enable him to prepare an annual report regarding the progress of the university in each department thereof, recording any improvements and experiments made, with their costs and results and such other matters, including State, industrial and economical statistics as may be supposed useful; not less than five thousand copies of which

reports shall be published annually and one copy be transmitted by said corresponding Secretary, by mail, free to each of the other colleges endowed under the provisions of an act of Congress, approved July 2nd 1862 entitled "An Act donating lands to the several States and territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," one copy to the United States Secretary of the Interior, and one thousand copies to the Secretary of State of this State, for the State Library and for distribution among the members of the General Assembly. Also, a recording Secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep faithful record of the transactions of the board of trustees, and prepare the same for publication in said annual report. The said treasurer, corresponding and recording Secretaries to receive such compensation as the trustees may fix, and to be paid in the same manner as the teachers and other employees of the university are paid.

Sec 6

No money shall be drawn from the treasury of the university except by order

of the board of trustees, on warrant of the regent drawn upon the treasurer and countersigned by the recording Secretary.

Sec 7

The trustees shall have power to provide the requisite buildings, apparatus and conveniences, to fix the rates for tuition, to appoint such professors and instructors, and establish and provide for the management of such Model farms, Model art and other departments and professorships, as may be required to teach, in the most thorough manner, such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts and military tactics; without excluding other scientific and classical studies; they may accept the endowments of voluntary professorships or departments in the University, from any person or persons or corporations who may proffer the same, and at any regular meeting of the board, may prescribe rules and regulations in relation to such endowments and declare on what general principles they may be admitted; Provided, that such special voluntary endowments or professorships shall not be incompatible

with the true design and scope of the Act of Congress, or of this act; and they shall, as far as practicable, arrange all the regular and more important Courses of Study and lectures in the University so that the students may pass through and attend upon them during the six autumn and winter months, and be left free to return to their several practical Arts and industries at home during the six Spring and Summer Months of the year, or to remain in the University and pursue such optional Studies or industrial avocations as they may elect; Provided, that no student shall at any time be allowed to remain in, or about the University in idleness, or without full mental or industrial occupation; And provided, further, that the trustees, in the exercise of any of the powers conferred by this Act, shall not create any liability or indebtedness in excess of the funds in the hands of the treasurer of the University at the time of creating such liability or indebtedness, and which may be specially and properly

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applied to the payment of the same.
No student shall be admitted to instruction in any of the departments of the university who shall not have attained to the age of fifteen (15) years and who shall not previously undergo a satisfactory examination in each of the branches ordinarily taught in the common schools of the state.

Sec 9

Each County in this State shall be entitled to one honorary scholarship in the University; for the benefit of the descendants of the soldiers and seaman who served in the armies and navies of the United States during the late rebellion, preference being given to the children of such soldiers and seaman as are deceased or disabled; and the board of trustees may, from time to time, add to the number of honorary scholarships when in their judgment such additions will not embarrass the finances of the University; nor need these additions be confined to the descendants of soldiers or seaman,

Such scholarships to be filled by transfer from some of the common schools of said County, of such pupils

as shall upon public examination to be conducted as the Board of Trustees of the University may determine, be decided to have attained the greatest proficiency in the branches of learning usually taught in the common schools and who shall be of good moral character and not less than fifteen ¹⁵ years of age.

Such pupils so selected and transferred shall be entitled to receive without charge for tuition instruction in any or all the departments of the University for a term of at least three (3) consecutive years. Provided said pupil shall conform in all respects to the rules and regulations of the University, established for the government of the pupils in attendance.

Section 10

The faculty of the University shall consist of the chief instructors in each of the departments. No degrees shall be conferred nor diplomas awarded by authority of the Board of Trustees or of the Faculty except that the trustees on recommendation of the majority of the faculty may authorize the regent of the University to issue to applicants certificates of scholarship under the seal of the University, which certificates shall as far as practicable set forth the

precise attainments as ascertained by special examinations of the parties applying for the same respectively, in the various branches of learning they may have respectively studied during the attendance in the University; and every pupil who shall have attended upon instruction in the University for not less than one year, maintaining meanwhile a good character for faithfulness in study and correctness of deportment, and who may desire to cease such attendance, shall be entitled to receive such Certificate of Scholardship as is authorized by this Section to be issued. All Certificates of Scholardship shall be in the English language, unless the pupil should otherwise prefer, and all names and terms on labels, samples, specimens, books, charts and reports shall be expressed as nearly as may be in the English language.

Section 11. - No member of the board of trustees shall receive any compensation for attending on the meetings of the board.

at all the stated and other meetings of the Board of Trustees called by the Regent or Corresponding Secretary, or any five members of the Board, a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum, provided all the members have been duly notified.

Section 12

It shall be the duty of the Board of trustees to permanently locate said University at Urbana in Champagne County Illinois, whenever the County of Champagne shall, according to the proper forms of law, convey on record to be conveyed to said trustees in fee simple, and free from all incumbrances, the Urbana and Champagne Institute buildings, grounds and lands together with the appurtenances thereto belonging, as set forth in the following offer in behalf of said County, to-wit:

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the board of Supervisors of Champagne County, are instructed to make the following offer to the State of Illinois, in consideration of the permanent location of the Illinois

Industrial University at Urbana
 Champaign County, viz: We
 offer the Urbana and Champaign
 Institute buildings and grounds
 containing about ten acres, also
 One Hundred and Sixty acres of
 land adjacent thereto; also four
 hundred acres of land, it being
 part of Section No. Twenty One in
 Township No. Nineteen North Range
 No. Nine East; distant not exceeding
 one mile from the Corporate limits
 of the City of Urbana.

Also four hundred and ten (410)
 acres of land it being part of Section
 No. Nineteen Township No. Nineteen
 Range No. Nine East, within one
 mile of the buildings herein offered.

Also the donation offered by the
 Illinois Central Rail Road Company
 of Fifty Thousand Dollars worth
 of Freight, over said road, for the
 benefit of said University.

Also One Hundred Thousand
 Dollars in Champaign County Bonds
 due and payable in ten years and
 bearing interest at the rate of ten per
 cent per annum, And two thousand

Dollars in Fruit, Shade and ornamental trees and shrubbery to be selected from the nursery of M. L. Dunlap and furnished at the lowest catalogue rates, making an estimated valuation of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars. (\$450,000.)

Titles to be perfect, and conveyance to the State to be made or caused to be made by the County of Champaign, upon the permanent location of the Illinois Industrial University, upon the said grounds, as to be conveyed as aforesaid, and we hereby in our official capacity guarantee the payment of the said Bonds and the faithful execution of the deeds of conveyance free from all incumbrances as herein set forth.

W. D. Jones
T. A. Creswell
C. R. Moorhouse
Committee

Section 13.

The board of trustees shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Governor and Adjutant General procure all such arms, accoutrements, books and instruments, and appoint

such instructors as may in their discretion be required to impart a thorough knowledge of military tactics and military engineering and they may prescribe a uniform dress to be worn by the pupils of the University.

Sec. 14

That upon the organization of the board of trustees and the appointment of said treasurer and the filing with and the approval by said board of the bond of said treasurer and all of said foregoing acts being duly certified to the Governor, under the hand of said regent, counter-~~signed~~ signed by the said recording secretary, it shall then become the legal duty of said Governor to deliver over to said Treasurer the ~~land~~ scrip issued by the United States to this State for the endowment of said University and that thereupon it shall become the duty of said Treasurer to sell and dispose of said scrip at such time, place, in such manner and quantities and upon such terms as such board shall from time to time prescribe or to locate the same as said Board may direct. Said Treasurer being in all respects

pertaining to the Sale of said Scrip and the re-investment of the proceeds received therefor, and the Securities when reinvested, subject to such order and control of said board as is not inconsistent with this act and the Act of Congress providing for the Endowment of said University.

Sec. 15

That all the right title and interest of the State of Illinois in and to said land scrip, is hereby invested in the Illinois Industrial University, for the use and purposes herein contained; and said scrip shall be assigned to said University, by the Governor of the State of Illinois on each Certificate and attested by the Secretary of State, under the Seal of the State; and that the transfer of said scrip to purchasers, by assignment on the back thereof, by the said officers of said University, under the Seal thereof in manner following shall be deemed sufficient in law to wit:

State of Illinois } ss.
Illinois Industrial University }

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For Value received the State of Illinois hereby Sells and assigns to _____ the within scrip and authorizes _____ to locate the same, and obtain a patent on such location.

Given under our hands and the seal of said University this _____ day of _____ A.D. 186-.

A. B., Regent.
C. D., Treasurer.

Countersigned by
E. F. Recording Secretary.

Sec. 16

That upon said treasurer making sale of any of said scrip, he shall at once invest the funds so received, report the same to the said board, stating amount sold, price obtained and how the same was by him invested; which report shall be filed with the recording secretary, who shall transmit a copy of the same to the Governor of said State, and he to the Congress of the United States, in accordance with said act of Congress.

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That the said board shall order upon

its minutes which of the several kinds of securities mentioned in the fourth section of said act of Congress said Treasurer shall invest proceeds of sales in.

Sec. 18. The bond required to be given by said Treasurer shall be conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as Treasurer of the "Illinois Industrial University" and for any breach thereof suit may be instituted in the name of the "Illinois Industrial University" and it shall be deemed a criminal offense for any person or persons holding in trust any part of the funds of said University knowingly or negligently to misapply or misappropriate the same, indictable in any Court having jurisdiction, in the same manner as other crimes or punishable by fine or imprisonment at the discretion of the Court according to the nature of the offense.

Sec. 19.

This act shall be a public act and take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

J. Brown
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Henry Brooks
Speaker of the Senate

Approved

Feb 28 1867

H. J. Oglesby

No. 2357

Box 218

General Assembly, State of Illinois

A. D. 1867.

An Act supplemental to an
act entitled, "An Act to
provide for the organization
endowment and main-
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Industrial University

An Act supplemental to an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the organization, endowment and maintenance of the Illinois Industrial University."

An Act supplemental to the Senate Res. C. Supplement.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly, That if the legal authorities of the County of Champaign shall not, by or before the first day of June 1867. Convey or cause to be conveyed, to the board of Trustees, of the Illinois Industrial University, by a good and unincumbered title, in fee simple, all the real estate, mentioned and contained in the propositions of said County, and which real estate is described and set out in the Act to which this Act is supplemental, amounting to Nine Hundred and Eighty acres of Land. And if said County shall not also pay over, and deliver to said Trustees by said day, all the bonds and other properties offered by said County mentioned in said Act, then said board of Trustees or a majority of them shall proceed without delay to permanently locate and establish said Illinois Industrial University, in McLean, Logan, or Morgan County, such County so selected shall in like manner be required in all things to fulfill and comply with the conditions, and provisions of the offer heretofore made by such County, as are inducements for

the location of said University in such
county.

Section 2 This Act shall be deemed a public Act,
and be in force from and after its approval.

F. Corwin
Speaker of the H.R.

Thos. G. Cross
Speaker of the Senate

Approved: March 8 1867
R. Hayes

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 entitled "An Act to provide for the organiza-
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 of the Illinois Industrial University."

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Enrolled July, 28, 1867

J. W. Barber
 Engr. Clerk Senate