

forth be null and void for all purposes whatsoever; and the said mayor shall take said returns, with a copy of the entry to be made on the journal as aforesaid, certified by said clerk, and file the same in the office of the county commissioner's court of Lee county, with the clerk thereof, who shall copy the same into the records of said court, and which entry or a transcript thereof, shall thenceforth be full evidence in all the courts of the state of the adoption of this act by the people of said town, and the existence of said incorporation.

Approved, January 25, 1848.

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[74] CHAPTER 65.

COUNTY ORDERS.

A BILL for an act making county orders bear interest.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,*

**SECTION 1. Rate of interest.** That hereafter when the county commissioner of any county in this state shall issue any order upon the treasury of said county, the said order shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, from the time of the presentation of the order to the treasurer for payment.

**SEC. 2. Unpaid orders.** Every county order heretofore issued and remaining unpaid, shall bear interest at the same rate from and after the passage of this act.

Approved, January 25, 1848.

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CHAPTER 66.

CITY OF DUBUQUE.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the City of Dubuque," approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,*

**SECTION 1. Mayor to be a justice.** That hereafter the mayor of the city of Dubuque, who shall be elected by virtue of the provisions of the act to which this is amendatory, shall be, and he is hereby invested with all the powers now granted by law to justices of the peace within this state, for the purpose of hearing, trying and determining, all offences committed against the ordinances of said city, and the said mayor shall also be a conservator of the peace within the limits of said city.

**SEC. 2. Mayor, how governed.** That the said mayor shall, as near as may be, conform to, and be governed by the several acts in relation to justices of the peace now in force, and which have been heretofore passed by the council and house of representatives of the territory, and by the general assembly of the state of Iowa.

**SEC. 3. Fees.** That the said mayor shall be allowed such fees for his services as are now, or that may hereafter be allowed by law to justices of the peace for like services.

**SEC. 4. Publication of city laws.** That every law or ordinance passed by the city council of [75] said city, shall be in full force, and binding upon the inhabitants thereof and others, six days after the same shall have been published in any public newspaper printed in said city of Dubuque.

**SEC. 5. Merchant's license.** That in addition to the powers already granted in the act to which this is amendatory, to the city council of said city of Dubuque, the said city council shall be, and are hereby authorized to compel all merchants and store-keepers within said city, to pay in addition to the tax provided for in said act, such further sum for license to sell goods, wares and merchandise, as the said city council shall by ordinance deem proper to impose.

**SEC. 6. Acts repealed.** That all acts and parts of acts, to which this is amendatory, which conflict with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

**SEC. 7. When to take effect.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Miner's Express and Dubuque Tribune, newspapers printed at Dubuque.

Approved, January 25, 1848.

Published in the Tribune, February fourteenth, and in the Express, February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

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## CHAPTER 67.

### SCHOOL LANDS.

AN ACT to legalize the sale of school lands.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,*

**SECTION 1. Sales legalized—proviso.** That the sales of school lands made under the provisions of an act entitled "an act to provide for the management and disposition of the school fund," approved, Feb. 25th, 1847, be and the same are hereby ratified and confirmed as fully and effectually as if the school officers elected on the first Monday in the month of April, 1847, had been legally elected and qualified: provided, that the purchaser or purchasers of such lands shall not make known their dissent to such ratification and confirmation, in writing, to the proper officer, within six months after the taking effect of this act; in which case the purchase to any such person dissenting shall not be ratified or confirmed.

**SEC. 2. Duty of officers in case of rejected lands.** That in all cases where lands have been selected under the provisions of the act aforesaid, where such selections have or may hereafter be rejected by the general government, it is hereby made the duty of the proper officer to cancel the bonds given, and also to refund back [76] all moneys which may have been paid by purchasers of land, under the provisions of said act, upon request being made by the proper person, at his office.

**SEC. 3. When to take effect.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa Capital Reporter and Iowa Standard.

Approved, January 25, 1848.

Published in the Reporter, February ninth, and in the Standard, February second, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.