

CHAPTER 57.

TAX IN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT to amend Section 89 of Chapter 172 of the Acts of the Ninth General Assembly, and to authorize Independent School Districts to levy a tax not to exceed ten mills on the dollar, on the taxable property of such Districts.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That Section 89 of Chapter 172 of the Acts of the Ninth General Assembly be amended by adding to said Section the following: *Provided* That it shall be lawful for the electors of any Independent School District at the annual meeting of such District to vote a tax not exceeding ten mills on the dollar, in any one year, on the taxable property of such District, as the meeting may deem sufficient for the purchase of grounds and the construction of the necessary school houses for the use of such Independent District, and for the payment of any debts contracted for the erection of such school houses and for procuring library and apparatus for the use of the schools of such Independent District. Amendment.
Tax.

Approved March 19th, 1864.

CHAPTER 58.

SHIP CANAL.

AN ACT to provide for the preliminary survey of a Ship Canal route from the State of Iowa Eastward to the Illinois River.

WHEREAS, it has been represented that Congress has in contemplation the passage of an act for the construction of a Ship Canal from Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River; and whereas, should such improvement follow the line of the Illinois River exclusively, the products not only of Iowa, but of a vast region of country North and West thereof, will have to follow a long and circuitous route in order to reach their proper market; and whereas, the combined interests of the States of Iowa and Minnesota wholly, and of Wisconsin and Illinois largely require a direct eastern communication with the lakes, therefore Preamble.

Preliminary survey.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That a competent engineer be selected by the Governor of Iowa, for the purpose of making a preliminary survey westwardly from LaSalle, Illinois, of the nearest and best Ship Canal route to the Mississippi River, said engineer to report as soon as practicable to the Governor respecting the proper location of said route together with the estimated expense of said Canal, in order that the same may be laid before our Senators and Representatives in Congress at an early day.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. That the sum of one thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of said survey and estimate, or to supply the deficiency of expense occasioned by said survey and estimate, the same to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated in the State Treasury upon the warrant of the Auditor of State, who is hereby authorized to issue the same, when the certificate of the Governor is presented, that the service has been performed. *Provided*, That the State of Iowa shall not be held for the payment of the expense of said survey beyond the sum of money appropriated by this Act. *Provided further*, That the

Conditions.

survey contemplated by this Act shall be extended so as to embrace a survey by the nearest and most practicable route to the Mississippi River to a point above as well as below the Upper Rapids of the said River, and *Provided further*, That the improvement by Ship Canal of the Upper and Lower Rapids of the Mississippi River should, as an act of justice to the whole State, be made an indispensable condition in any bill for a Ship Canal from the Lakes to the Mississippi River, which is to receive the support of the Congressional delegation from Iowa, and *Provided further*, That in the event of the above contemplated route for a Ship Canal from La Salle to the Mississippi River being found impracticable, that we urge Congress that an examination shall be made of the Northern route, known and designated as the Wisconsin and Fox River Improvement.

SEC. 3. This Act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the State Register and Iowa Homestead, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 19th, 1864.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Daily State Register on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1864, and in the Iowa Homestead on the 30th day of March, A. D. 1864.

JAMES WRIGHT, Secretary of State.