

CHAPTER 8.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL-DISTRICTS.

AN ACT to Amend the School Laws of Iowa.

FEBRUARY 9.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That section 1 of chapter 28, of the acts of the Twelfth General Assembly, be amended to read as follows: That the provisions of section 84 of chapter 172 of the acts of the Ninth General Assembly, approved April 8, 1862, and of the acts amendatory thereto, shall apply only to towns and cities containing not less than three hundred inhabitants, within their recorded plat, and to the territory contiguous thereto: *provided,* that this act shall not affect independent districts already organized.

1863, chapter 28 amended.

1862, chapter 172

What may constitute ind. dists.

Provido.

Ind. dists. may unite.

How.

New organization

Proceedings in organizing new districts.

Six directors.

Term.

SEC. 2. Independent districts, located contiguous to each other, may unite and form one and the same independent district, in the manner following: At the written request of any ten legal voters residing in each of said independent districts, their respective boards of directors shall require their secretaries to give at least ten days notice of the time and place for a meeting of the electors residing in such districts, by posting written notices in at least five public places in each of said districts, at which meetings the said electors shall vote by ballot for or against a consolidated organization of said independent districts; and if a majority of the votes cast at the election, in each district, shall be in favor of uniting said districts, then the secretaries shall give similar notice of a meeting of the electors as provided for by the law for the organization of independent districts. The independent districts, thus consolidated, shall be completed, and its directors governed by the same provisions of the law, which apply to other independent districts.

SEC. 3. Section 86, of Chapter 172, of the Acts of the Ninth General Assembly, is amended to read as follows: Should a majority of the votes be cast in favor of such separate organization, the board of directors of the district township shall give similar notice of a meeting of the electors for the election of six directors. Two of these directors shall hold their office until the first annual meeting after their election, and until their successors are elected and qualified; two until the second; and two until

Classified. the third annual meeting thereafter: their respective terms of office to be determined by lot. The said six directors shall constitute a board of directors for the district, and they shall at their first regular meeting in each year elect a president, secretary, and treasurer, the two latter to be chosen outside of the board.

1864; chapter 57. SEC. 4. Section 89, of chapter 172, of the Acts of 1862, as amended by chapter 57 of the Acts of 1864, is amended by adding thereto the following: And the treasurer shall make a statement to the district meeting of the receipts and disbursements of the preceding year.

1862; chapter 172 SEC. 5. Section 90 of said chapter 172 is amended to read as follows: The annual meeting of all independent school-districts formed as herein contemplated, or under the laws in force at the time of the taking effect of this act, shall be held on the second Monday in March for the transaction of the business of the district, and for the election by ballot of two directors as the successors of the two whose term expires, who shall continue in office for three years; and the president, secretary, and one of the directors then in office, shall act as judges of the election, and shall issue certificates of election to the persons elected for the ensuing term.

Six directors elected in March, 1870. SEC. 6. The electors of the independent districts organized and in operation previous to the taking effect of this act shall, at the regular meeting on the second Monday of March, 1870, elect six directors, two of whom shall continue in office until the next annual meeting thereafter, and until their successors are elected and qualified, two for two years, and two for three years, their respective terms of office to be determined by lot, and said six directors shall organize as contemplated by section 3 of this act for the original formation of an independent district.

Classified. SEC. 7. This act, being deemed of immediate importance by the General Assembly, shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the Daily Iowa State Register and Daily Des Moines Bulletin.

Approved, February 9, 1870.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily Iowa State Register* and *Des Moines Daily Bulletin* February 10, 1870.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*