

Publication
clause.

SEC. 5. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, published at Des Moines, and The Dubuque Times, published in Dubuque, Iowa, without expense to the State.

Approved, January 31st, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily Iowa State Register*, February 1, 1872, and *The Dubuque Daily Times*, February 2, 1872.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*

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CHAPTER VII.

[H. F. 1.]

LOSSES OF SETTLERS AND CLAIMANTS UPON DES MOINES RIVER LANDS.

JANUARY 31.

AN ACT Authorizing the Appointment of a Commission to examine and report upon the Losses of Settlers and Claimants upon Des Moines River Lands on Account of Failure of Title, and providing for applying to Congress for Relief.

Governor to appoint commission to report upon losses of claimants upon Des Moines river lands.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the Governor of the State be and he is hereby empowered and required to appoint a commission of three to make a report showing the name of the claimant, a description of the land claimed, the improvements thereon, their value, the value of each tract of land, the date of the homestead pre-emption, or purchase, as the case may be, the losses sustained by each claimant, and such other facts as they shall deem important, of all persons who have made improvements upon what are known as Des Moines River Lands, and have sustained or will sustain loss by reason of the decisions of the courts in favor of the title of the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad Company or their grantees.

Commission to give notices of meetings.

SEC. 2. Said commission shall give notice, in two newspapers in the county where such lands are situate, of the time and place of their meeting in each county, at least two weeks before the time of such meeting, and shall report to the Governor before the first day of August next, and as soon as possible after their appointment; and when such report is made the same shall be printed, and a copy thereof shall be sent to the Senators and Representatives of Iowa in Congress, with a memorial asking for relief for

To report when,

such settlers who have lost their lands or claims as aforesaid; and said commissioners shall have power, severally, to administer oaths to such claimants and their witnesses, and said commission shall have power to compel their attendance in cases where they shall deem necessary, and such claimants and their witnesses shall be produced and their evidence taken without any pay for mileage or witness fees; and any person desiring to make application for relief under this act shall furnish the proof of his claim before the first day of June next.

Copy of report, and memorial to Congress.

Powers of Commission.

No pay to witnesses

SEC. 3. The Governor shall have power, in case he deem it necessary, to send one or more of said commissioners to Washington to present said claims and try to secure an adjustment of the same, and an act of Congress providing therefor.

Governor may send commissioners to Washington.

SEC. 4. Said commissioners shall each receive five dollars per day, for their services, and their necessary expenses; and in case one or more of said commissioners shall be sent to Washington he shall receive five dollars per day and his necessary expenses; and the expenses under this act shall be paid out of the general contingent fund of the State.

Pay of commissioners.

SEC. 5. The sheriff of the county in which the commission shall be in session, shall be required to enforce all orders of the commission, when called upon.

Sheriff to enforce orders.

SEC. 6. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Daily Iowa State Register and Daily State Leader.

Repealing clause

Approved, January 31st, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily Iowa State Register*, and the *Daily State Leader*, February 3, 1872.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*

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CHAPTER VIII.

[H. F. 29.

CITY COUNCIL OF CLINTON.

AN ACT to Legalize the Acts of the Council of the City of Clinton. JANUARY 31.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the ordinance passed by the city council of the city of Clinton, in Clinton county, Iowa, on

Ordinance levying tax legalized.