

Pardon in such cases not to be granted unless recommended by Gen. Assembly.

SEC. 3. That, in all cases of conviction under the preceding sections, the Governor shall not grant a pardon unless the same shall have been recommended by the General Assembly of the State.

In force when.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved, May 1st, 1872.

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CHAPTER CXXXVII.

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SCHOOL-DISTRICTS IN CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES.

MAY 6.

AN ACT Amendatory of the School-Laws of the State, and Relative to the Formation of Independent School-Districts in certain Cases.

School districts heretofore existing, of territory in contiguous counties, may be revived.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That where, under the school-laws

of the State heretofore in force, from the necessities of localities, arising from natural obstructions, the organization of school-districts under said laws and for the convenience and accommodation of the people, school-districts were formed of portions of two counties of territory lying contiguous to each other, and where, under present laws, such districts are not provided for, at the written request of five legal voters residing in portions of such territory in each county, the board of directors of the district-township to which such territory belongs having a majority of the legal voters shall fix the boundaries of an independent school-district composed of such sections of land, or portions thereof, as may be specified and described in the petition for such independent district, and shall give at least ten days' notice of the submission of the question of the formation of said independent district to the legal voters of the contemplated independent district, at a special election for said purpose, specifying the boundaries of the district, the time and place of the meetings of the electors of the district containing a majority of the legal voters, at which meeting the electors in the contemplated district shall vote by ballot for or against a separate organization. Should a majority of the votes be cast in favor of such separate organization, the said board of directors shall proceed by ballot to elect, in the manner

Boundaries of independent district.

Election upon separate organization.

Choice of first officers, and temporary organization.

now provided by law, the necessary officers, and organize said independent district.

SEC. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, and State Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa. In force when.

Approved, May 6th, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily Iowa State Register*, May 8, and in the *Daily State Leader*, May 9, 1872.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*