

CHAPTER 199.

FOR PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

S. F. 271.

AN ACT Providing for the Purchase of Land for the Use of the Iowa State Agricultural Society.

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

\$50,000 appropriated to purchase ground on which to hold the state fair.

SECTION 1. That for the purpose of enabling the state to purchase a tract of land of not less than two hundred, and not more than four hundred acres upon which the Iowa state agricultural society may hold its fairs, and for such other uses and purposes as said society may have occasion and see proper to make of the same in the interest of such society, and necessary to the development of agricultural, horticultural, stock-raising and mechanical interests of the state, there is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$50,000, or as much thereof as shall be needed to purchase said grounds; *provided*, that not more than one-half of the purchase money shall be drawn from the treasury in the year 1884, and that no part of the remainder thereof shall be drawn from the treasury prior to the month of June 1885, and that no part of said appropriation shall be paid as aforesaid until an amount not less than this appropriation be donated in cash or property by the city or locality where said Iowa state agricultural society shall locate its fairs.

Proviso: when drawn.

No part of appropriation available until an equal amount is donated by the locality.

Attorney-general to examine title.

Iowa state agricultural society to select the land. Title to vest in state.

No liens to be created without consent of state. Proviso: may lease said ground.

That the Iowa state agricultural society shall upon the purchase of any land under the provisions of this act, notify the attorney-general of the state, who shall examine the title to said lands, and when the same is approved by him shall make, or cause to be made a complete abstract of the title thereof and file the same with the governor of the state.

SEC. 2. The land purchased under the provisions of this act shall be selected by the Iowa state agricultural society and shall be conveyed to, and held by, the state of Iowa. The conveyance shall be made to the state before the money hereby appropriated is drawn from the treasury. The Iowa state agricultural society shall have the use of said land as hereinbefore provided. No lien nor incumbrance whatever shall be created upon the premises to be purchased as aforesaid without the consent of the state; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the leasing of any portion of said grounds by said society for stalls, stands, restaurants, or boarding house sites, or for any business or purpose, which by said society may be considered proper to conduct in connection with said fairs, not otherwise prohibited by law.

Sec. 3. That the money herein appropriated shall be paid on the warrant of the auditor of state by the treasurer of the state on the orders of the Iowa state agricultural society signed by the president and secretary thereof and at such times and in such sums, only, as it may be made to appear to the executive council of the state, or to a majority thereof, that the same is required in payment for land so purchased for the purposes and in the manner contemplated by this act.

Appropriation, how paid.

Sec. 4. In the event that said society should abandon the using of the premises herein provided for and cease to use the same for purposes hereinbefore enumerated, then and in that case, it shall be lawful for the state to take possession of said premises and make such disposition of the same as the general assembly shall deem proper.

In case of abandonment.

Approved, April 14, 1884.

## CHAPTER 200.

### IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHWAYS.

AN ACT to Promote the Improvement of Highways. [Additional to Code, Title VII, Ch. 2; and Superseding Sec. 986.] H. F. 543.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of supervisors of each county may at the time of levying taxes for other purposes, levy a tax of not more than one mill on the dollar of the assessed value of the taxable property in their county, which tax shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes are collected and shall be known as the county road fund, and shall be paid out only on the order of the board of supervisors for work done on the highways of the county, in such places as the board shall determine, and the county treasurer shall receive the same compensation for collecting this tax as he does for collecting corporation taxes; *provided*, that the amount levied by the board of township trustees under section 969 of the code together with the amount thus levied shall not be in excess of five (5) mills.

One-mill tax authorized in each county.

Paid out for work on highways.

Proviso: total tax not to exceed 5 mills.

Sec. 2. The board of supervisors shall, at their regular meeting in April of each year, determine from the auditor's and treasurer's books, the amount of money collected and credited to said road tax fund. They shall, also, determine the manner in which said tax shall be expended, whether by contract or otherwise.

Sec. 3. That section 986 be and the same is hereby repealed, and following enacted in lieu thereof:

Code, § 986 repealed.