

newspapers published at Des Moines and Jefferson, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved March 11th 1896.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register, March 13, and Jefferson Souvenir, March 14, 1896.

W. M. MCFARLAND,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 171.

S. F. 253. AN ACT to legalize the organization of the independent School-District of Larrabee, Cherokee county, Iowa.

Act illegal. WHEREAS, Certain territory in the district township of Cedar, Cherokee county, Iowa, was in the month of July, 1894, organized into an independent school district known as the independent district of Larrabee, Iowa, said district being composed of the following territory: The west half of the west half of section fourteen (14), and the west half of the west half of section twenty-three (23), all of section fifteen (15), the east half of section sixteen (16), the northeast quarter of section twenty-one (21), the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-one, all of section twenty-two (22), and the north half of section twenty-seven (27), all in township ninety-three (93), range forty (40), west of the fifth P. M., and embracing within its limits the village of Larrabee, Cherokee county, Iowa;

Doubts as to sufficient notice. WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of said organization for the reason that the notice announcing an election for the purpose of determining whether there should be a separate school organization, and describing the boundaries thereof and fixing the time and place of such election, was insufficient, in that said notice was posted seven days before said election instead of ten days as required by law, and

Time. WHEREAS, The said organization has been acting continuously as an independent district since said time, has acquired property, contracted debts, issued its bonds, levied taxes, maintained schools, and done all such other acts as an independent school district is authorized to do; therefore:

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

Acts of board. Legalized. SECTION 1. That all the steps taken and all acts done toward organizing the territory above described are hereby declared to be sufficient to constitute an independent school district, and said territory is hereby declared to be such a district.

Acts binding. SEC. 2. That all acts done by the said independent school district under the said organization are hereby legalized and declared to be binding upon all persons or parties interested therein, the same as if the said acts had

been done in the manner as required by law and the said district had been legally organized as required by law.

Provided that this act shall in no way affect pending litigation.

SEC. 3. This act being deemed of immediate impor- Publication.
tance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, a paper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and the Cherokee Herald, a newspaper published at Cherokee, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved March 19, 1896.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register, April 16, and Cherokee Herald, April 3, 1896.

W. M. MCFARLAND,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 172.

AN ACT to legalize the organization of the independent school dis- H. F. 423.
trict of Stockport, Van Buren county, Iowa.

WHEREAS, Certain territory in the district township of Illegal.
Cedar and in the district township of Union, all in Van Buren county, Iowa, was in the month of April, 1895, organized into an independent school district to be known as the independent school district of Stockport, such territory being described as follows: The southwest quarter and the west half of the northwest quarter of section eighteen (18) and the west half of section nineteen (19): all in township seventy (70) north of range eight (8), west of the fifth P. M., Iowa; also the south half of the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of section thirteen (13) and the north half of the northeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-four (24); all in township seventy (70) north of range nine (9) west of the fifth P. M. Iowa; having within its limits the village of Stockport, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of said Doubts.
organization for the reason that full compliance had not been made with the law pertaining to the making of the plat and the recording thereof of the said village of Stockport, and also as to whether or not there were residing one hundred inhabitants within the limits of said village plat at the time of the organization of said independent school district of Stockport; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the organization of the independent Organization
school district of Stockport, Van Buren county, Iowa, the made valid.
election of directors and the official acts of said directors, be, and the same are, hereby legalized and made valid, the same as though said district had been organized in strict conformity with all the requirements of law.