

legalized and declared as valid and effectual in law as though the provisions of said chapter had been strictly followed, provided the proper proof of authority was a matter of record in the office of the clerk of the district court in the county where the real property is situated, at the time the conveyance was executed, or was so made a matter of record prior to the passage of this act; provided, nothing in this act shall in any manner affect pending litigation.

Approved March 25, 1898.

CHAPTER 183.

S. F. 307.

AN ACT to legalize the levy and collection of a tax for schoolhouse fund in the year 1896, in the independent school district of Lincoln Center No. 5, Pottawattamie county, and the diversion and use of such tax to the teachers' and contingent funds of said independent school district.

WHEREAS, By the authority of the certificate of the secretary of the independent school district of Lincoln Center No. 5, township of Lincoln, Pottawattamie county, Iowa, directing the levy of schoolhouse fund tax for the year 1896, in the amount of three hundred dollars, said tax was levied by the board of supervisors of said county and collected by the county treasurer, and paid to said independent school district; and,

WHEREAS, Said levy was erroneously made and the tax collected thereon was without the authority of the record of the board of directors of said independent school district by reason of clerical error, and said board of directors appropriated the amounts so levied and collected for said schoolhouse fund in defraying the expenses of the teachers' and contingent funds for the year 1897, omitting to levy for such purposes for said year, because of such appropriation; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. **Made legal.** That the levy of such tax, the collection of the same, and the act of the board of directors of the independent school district of Lincoln Center No. 5, in said county, in diverting said schoolhouse fund tax so levied and collected for the year 1896 to the use of the teachers' and contingent funds for the year 1897, in lieu of any levy and collection of tax for such funds for that year, be and the same is hereby legalized.

SEC. 2. **Pending litigation.** Nothing in this act shall be so taken or construed as to affect pending litigation.

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CHAPTER 184.

H. F. 145.

AN ACT to legalize a resolution of the city council of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, passed August, A. D. 1897, approving a contract with the McCaskey and Holcomb Company, for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an electric lighting plant for said city.

WHEREAS, Upon the third day of August, 1897, the city council of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, passed a resolution approving and ratifying a contract made by the board of public works of said city, with the McCaskey and Holcomb company on August third, 1897, for the erection of an electric lighting plant for said city, and for the operation and maintenance thereof for the space of two years, and

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality and regularity of said resolution and contract, because of alleged informalities in the proposals for bids for said electric lighting plant, and in the bids of the said McCaskey and Holcomb company made and accepted thereon, and in the forms of the ballots used upon the special election in submitting the question of establishing such electric lighting plant by said city. Now therefore,