SEC. 4. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Daily Capital, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved February 29, A. D. 1904.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Daily Capital, February 29, 1904, and the Register and Leader, March 1, 1904.

W. B. MARTIN, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 193.

RELINQUISHMENT OF CERTAIN LANDS IN DICKINSON COUNTY TO THE UNITED STATES.

S. F. 256.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the governor of Iowa to relinquish and re-convey to the United States, certain lands in Dickinson county, Iowa, granted to the state of Iowa by the act of congress entitled, "An act for a grant of land to the state of Iowa in alternate sections to aid in the construction of a railroad in the state of Iowa," approved May 12, A. D. 1864, which have not been earned pursuant to the provisions of said act.

Whereas, By an act of the general assembly of the state of Iowa, the same being chapter 107 of the laws of the 19th General Assembly, all unearned lands granted to the Sioux City and St. Paul Railway company, by act of congress May 12, A. D. 1864, were absolutely and entirely resumed by the state of Iowa and the same absolutely vested in said state as if the same had never been granted to said railroad company; and,

Whereas, By act of the general assembly of the state of Iowa, the same being chapter 71 of the laws of the 20th General Assembly, the governor of the state of Iowa was authorized and directed to certify to the secretary of the interior all lands which had heretofore been patented to the state to aid in the construction of said Sioux City and St. Paul railroad, excepting the

lands situated in the counties Dickinson and O'Brien; and,

Whereas, All of section fifteen (15) and the northwest quarter (N. W. 1/4) of section seventeen (17) in township ninety-eight (98) north of range thirty-eight (38) west of the 5th P. M. Dickinson county, Iowa, had been at the dates of the acts of the general assembly hereinbefore referred to, patented by the United States to the state of Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, By decree of the supreme court of the United States, dated October 21, 1895, and reported in the 159th United States reports, page 349, said court decreed said lands to belong to the United States; therefore,

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

Section 1. Authority to relinquish. That the governor of the state of Iowa is hereby authorized and directed to certify and relinquish to the secretary of the interior all of section fifteen (15), and the northwest quarter (N. W. ¼) of section seventeen (17) in township ninety-eight (98), north of range thirty-eight (38), west of the 5th P. M., Dickinson county, Iowa. Sec. 2. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance,

SEC. 2. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Spirit Lake Beacon, a newspaper published at Spirit Lake in Dickinson county, Iowa, and the Register and Leader, a newspaper published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 31, A. D. 1904.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader, April 2, 1904, and the Spirit Lake Beacon, April 8, 1904.

W. B. MARTIN, Secretary of State.