

supplement to the code, 1907, be and the same is hereby amended by striking from the fourth line thereof the following: "the college for the blind".

SEC. 2. **Placed under state board of education.** That section one (1) of the chapter one hundred seventy (170) of the law as it appears in the acts of the thirty-third general assembly be amended by striking out the first word of the third line, "and", and inserting after the words "Cedar Falls" a comma (,) and the words "and the college for the blind at Vinton".

SEC. 3. **Powers transferred.** That said chapter one hundred seventy (170) of the acts of the thirty-third general assembly be further amended by adding to said chapter the following:

"That all the powers heretofore granted to and exercised by the board of control over the college for the blind are hereby transferred to the state board of education and the state board of education is authorized and empowered to take charge of, manage and control said college for the blind."

SEC. 4. **Transfer of funds.** All funds now in the hands of the treasurer of state to the credit of the said college for the blind are transferred from the board of control to the state board of education.

Approved April 6, A. D. 1911.

## CHAPTER 142.

### CHANGE OF BOUNDARIES OF SCHOOL CORPORATIONS.

S. F. 25.

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in section two thousand seven hundred ninety-three (2793) of the supplement to the code, 1907, relating to the change of boundaries of school corporations.

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

SECTION 1. **Boundary lines changed.** Section two thousand seven hundred ninety-three (2793) of the supplement to the code, 1907, is hereby amended by striking out the words "in the same county" as they appear in lines four and eleven thereof.

Approved March 17, A. D. 1911.

## CHAPTER 143.

### ORGANIZATION OF CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

H. F. 33.

AN ACT to amend section two thousand seven hundred ninety-four-a (2794-a) of the supplement to the code, 1907, relating to the organization of consolidated independent school districts.

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

SECTION 1. **Amended.** That section two thousand seven hundred ninety-four-a (2794-a) of the supplement to the code, 1907, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(A) **Petition for consolidation—question submitted—organization completed.** When a petition describing the boundaries of contiguous territory containing not less than sixteen (16) sections within one or more counties is

signed by one-third (1-3) of the electors residing on such territory, and approved by the county superintendent, if of one county, and the superintendent of each if of more than one county, and by the state superintendent of public instruction if the county superintendents do not agree, and filed with the board of the school corporation in which the portion of the proposed district having the largest number of voters is situated, requesting the establishment of a consolidated independent district, it shall be the duty of said board, within ten (10) days to call an election in the proposed consolidated district, for which they shall give the same notices as are required in section twenty-seven hundred and forty-six (2746) of the code, and twenty-seven hundred and fifty (2750) of the supplement to the code, 1907, at which election all voters residing in the proposed consolidated district shall be entitled to vote by ballot for, or against such separate organization. When it is proposed to include in such district a city, or town or village, the voters residing upon the territory outside the incorporated limits of such city, town or village shall vote separately upon the proposition for the creating of such new district. The judges of said election shall provide separate ballot boxes in which shall be deposited the votes cast by the voters from their respective territory, and if a majority of the votes cast by the electors residing either within or without the limits of such city, town or village, is against the proposition to form a consolidated independent corporation, then the proposed corporation shall not be formed. If a majority of the votes so cast in each territory shall be in favor of such independent organization, the organization of the proposed consolidated independent school corporation shall be completed by the election of a board of directors for said school corporation, as provided in section twenty-seven hundred and ninety-five (2795) of the code, and when so organized shall not be reduced to less than sixteen sections unless dissolved as provided by this act. No school corporation from which territory is taken to form such a consolidated independent corporation shall, after the change contain less than four government sections, which territory shall be contiguous and so situated as to form a suitable corporation.

“(B) **School board to organize—when—tax levy.** The organization of the school board in consolidated independent school corporations shall be effected on or before the first day of July, following their election, and when completed, all taxes previously certified shall be void so far as the property within the limits of the consolidated independent school corporation is concerned, and the board of said consolidated independent school corporation shall at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose, at any time prior to the third Monday in August of each year, levy for the general fund of said school the amount of all necessary taxes for all school purposes, which, including the amount received from the semi-annual apportionment shall not exceed thirty-two (32) dollars for each person of school age, the amount so levied to be certified by them to the county board of supervisors on or before the first Monday of September, in each year, and the board of supervisors shall levy said tax at the same time, and in the same manner that other school taxes are required to be levied.

“(C) **Transportation to and from school.** It shall be the duty of the school board of any consolidated independent school corporation and school townships maintaining a central school to provide suitable transportation to and from school, for every child of school age living within said district, and outside the limits of any city, town or village, but the board shall not be required to cause the vehicle of transportation to leave the public highway to receive or discharge occupants thereof. The board shall from time to time, by resolution regularly adopted, number and designate the route to be traveled by each conveyance in transporting children to and from school. The school

board may require that children living an unreasonable distance from school shall be transported by the parent, or guardian, a distance of not to exceed two miles to connect with any vehicle of transportation to and from school; or may, in the discretion of the board contract with an adjoining school corporation for the instruction of any child living an unreasonable distance from school, and they shall allow a reasonable amount of compensation for the transportation of children to and from the point where they are taken over, or discharged from, the vehicle used to convey them to and from school, or for transporting to an adjoining district. In determining what an unreasonable distance would be, consideration shall be given to the number and age of the children, the condition of the roads, and the number of miles to be traveled in going to and from school. The board shall have the right on account of inclemency of the weather to suspend the transportation of any route upon any day, or days, when in the judgment of the said board, it would be a hardship on the children, or when the roads to be traveled are unfit or impassable.

“(D) **Transportation contracts—rules and regulations.** The school board of any consolidated independent school corporation shall contract with as many suitable persons as they may deem necessary for the transportation of children of school age to and from school, such contract to be in writing and shall state the number of the route, the length of time contracted for, the compensation to be allowed per week of five school days, or per month of four school weeks, and may provide that two week’s salary shall be retained by the board pending full compliance therewith by the party contracted with, and shall always provide that any party or parties to said contract and every person in charge of vehicles conveying children to and from school, shall be at all times subject to any rules or regulation said board shall adopt for the protection of the children, or to govern the conduct of the person in charge of said conveyance.

“(E) **School building—location.** It shall be the duty of the school board of any consolidated independent district to provide a suitable school building within such district, and shall at any regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose submit the question of levying a tax for the building of any school building suitable for the needs of the district, or for the repairing of any school building where the cost of such repairs exceeds the sum of two thousand (2000) dollars to the qualified voters of said district, and all moneys received from such source to be placed in the school house fund of said corporation and to be used for such purposes only. In locating said building they shall take into consideration the geographical position, number and convenience of the scholars, and may submit the question of location to the voters of the district at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose; providing, that whenever a city, town or village containing a school population of twenty-five (25) or more, is included within any consolidated independent district, then said building shall be located within the incorporated limits of said city, town or village, on such a site as the school board may determine.

“(F) **Petition for dissolution—question submitted—dissolution effected.** Whenever a petition signed by one-third (1-3) of the electors in a consolidated independent school corporation asking that said district be dissolved and describing the boundaries of the district, or districts, proposed to be organized out of the territory then included in such consolidated independent school corporation and having the approval of the county superintendent, if one county and the superintendent of each if more than one county, and by the state superintendent of public instruction if the county superintendents do not agree, and filed with the board of said consolidated independent district, it shall be the duty of said board within ten (10) days to call an election for which they

shall give the same notices as are required in section two thousand seven hundred forty-six (2746) of the code, and two thousand seven hundred fifty (2750) of the supplement to the code, 1907, at which election all voters residing within the district shall be allowed to vote by ballot for or against such dissolution. If a majority of all votes cast at said election be in favor of dissolving the consolidated district, same shall be dissolved and the organization of a new district or districts be forthwith completed by the election of a board of directors as provided by statute; provided, however, that such dissolution shall become effective only when the reorganization of the territory included in the original consolidated district is completed. The assets and liabilities of any such school corporation thus dissolved shall be equitably divided as provided in section two thousand eight hundred two (2802) of the supplement to the code, 1907.

“(G) **Violation of rules and regulations—penalty.** Any person driving, managing, or in charge of any vehicle used in transporting children to and from school, in any consolidated independent school corporation, who shall be found guilty of violating any of the rules and regulations adopted by the board of said school, for the guidance of any person in charge of such conveyance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the first offense shall be fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00) or more than ten dollars (\$10.00) and for a subsequent offense shall be fined not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars or more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and shall be dismissed from the service.”

(H) **In effect.** This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its publication in the Register & Leader and Des Moines Capital, newspapers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 25, A. D. 1911.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, March 28, 1911.

W. C. HAYWARD,  
*Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 144.

### TITLE AND DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED BY A SCHOOL CORPORATION.

#### H. F. 177.

AN ACT to amend section twenty-eight hundred and sixteen (2816) of the code, relative to the title and disposition of real estate acquired by a school corporation.

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

**SECTION 1. Repeal—reversion in case of non-user.** Section twenty-eight hundred and sixteen (2816) of the code is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

“In any school district wholly outside any city or incorporated town, in the case of non-user for school purposes for two years continuously of any real estate acquired for a school house site it shall revert, with improvements thereon, to the owner of the tract from which it was taken, upon repayment of the purchase price without interest, together with the value of the improvements, to be determined by arbitration, and upon such payment the school corporation shall make formal conveyance to such owner. During its use the