

CHAPTER 4.

GOVERNOR MAY DIRECT ATTORNEY GENERAL TO APPEAR FOR COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS IN CERTAIN CASES.

H. F. 517.

AN ACT to authorize the governor to direct the attorney general to appear in certain cases, for and on behalf of the counties, cities, towns, and other municipalities and officers and contractors thereof and to employ additional legal assistance in such cases and providing for payment therefor. [Additional to chapter one (1), title two (II) of the code relating to the executive department.]

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

SECTION 1. Validity of patents on bridge or culvert construction involved—how paid. The governor, whenever he deems such action to be in the interest of the public, shall have power to direct the attorney general to appear for and on behalf of any county, city, town or other municipality of this state or for and on behalf of any officer thereof or contractor therewith, whenever any such county, city, town or other municipality or officer or contractor is a party to any action or proceeding in any court wherein is involved the validity of any alleged patent on any matter or thing entering into highway, bridge or culvert construction, or on any parts thereof, and may employ such legal assistance in addition to the attorney general as he may deem necessary and may pay for the same out of any fund in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated. Whenever the attorney general is so directed by the governor it shall be his duty to comply therewith.

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 Register and Leader, and the Des Moines Capital, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 16 A. D. 1913.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital April 19, 1913.

W. S. ALLEN,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 5.

SETTLEMENT OF ALL LIABILITIES OF THE STATE GROWING OUT OF SALE OF CERTAIN SCHOOL LANDS.

H. F. 564.

AN ACT making provisions for the settlement of all liabilities of the state growing out of the sale of certain lands of the Des Moines river, improvement grant as school lands. [Additional to section eighty-one (81) of the code, relating to the sale of certain lands.]

WHEREAS, prior to 1860 certain contracts had been entered into between school fund commissioners, acting under the directions of the superintendent of public instruction, an officer of this state, and citizens of the state, for the sale and purchase of a part of the school lands of the state, known as the 500,000 acre grant, and

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa, subsequent to making said contracts, by a settlement with the Des Moines navigation and railroad company, did convey said lands in whole or in part to said navigation and railroad company: therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Webster—Hamilton counties—proof—amount paid—certificate or patent. Upon the presentation (or proof of loss) of any contract for the sale of any of said lands, situated in Webster or Hamilton county, executed by John Telman, the then acting school fund commissioner of Webster county, or of any certificate of final payment from said school fund commissioner, or of any patent for said lands under any contract made by said school fund commissioner, to the governor of the state, with proof satisfactory to him by the affidavit of the holder of said contract certificate, or patent, as the case may be, or such other proof as he may require of the amount of money paid upon any tract of said land, he shall make a complete statement, showing the amount of money so paid, whether as principal or interest, and the time when each sum of money was paid, and upon the delivering up of any contract, certificate or patent, as the case may be, to the governor, or in case of loss, upon proper proof, he shall deliver the statement aforesaid by him signed, to the holder of said contract, certificate or patent, as the case may be.

SEC. 2. Governor corrects errors. In case any such contract, certificate or patent shall have been returned to the governor, and shall have been filed in the office of the register of the state land office, said contracts, certificates or patents, shall, for the purpose of this act, be returned to the original grantee thereof, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, upon such proof by the heirs, executors, administrators or assigns of the original grantee of said contract, certificate or patent, as the governor may require.

SEC. 3. Warrants without interest. Upon presentation of said statement so made by the governor, together with the original contract, certificate or patent, to the auditor of state, he shall audit the amount due as shown by said statement, without interest thereon, and shall draw his warrant on the treasurer of state for the amount so audited.

SEC. 4. Appropriations. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, an amount sufficient and necessary to pay any and all claims audited under the provisions of this act, not to exceed two hundred three and 87-100 dollars (\$203.87).

Approved April 18 A. D. 1913.

CHAPTER 6.

DUBUQUE AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY LAND GRANT.

S. F. 353.

AN ACT providing for the record title of lands granted to the Dubuque and Pacific Railroad company. [Additional to section eighty-two (82) of the code, relating to the secretary of state certifying to list of lands:]

WHEREAS, by act of congress of May 15. 1856, certain lands were granted to the state of Iowa, for the construction of a railroad from Dubuque to Sioux City, and thereafter selection of said lands were made and certified by the com-