

“The superintendent of public instruction shall every four years, if deemed necessary, cause to be printed, bound and distributed all school laws in force up to that time, the number to be determined by the executive council.

Each county superintendent shall be furnished a sufficient number of copies to supply the school officers of the state and such others as may request them.”

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CHAPTER 257.

PUBLIC RECREATION AND PLAY GROUNDS.

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AN ACT giving school boards in certain districts authority to use school buildings and grounds and other public buildings and grounds for public recreation and play ground purposes and providing for the levy of separate tax for the support of same and authorizing cities within or including such districts to appropriate money for the same purpose. [Additional to chapter fourteen (14) title thirteen (13) of the code.]

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

SECTION 1. **Establishment—maintenance—supervision.** Boards of school directors in school districts containing or contained in cities of the first or second class, cities under special charter, or cities under the commission plan of government, are hereby authorized to establish and maintain for children in the public school buildings and on the public school grounds under the custody and management of such boards, public recreation places and play grounds and necessary accommodations for same, without charge to the residents of said school district; also to co-operate with the commissioners or boards having the custody and management in such cities of public parks and public buildings and grounds of whatever sort, and by making arrangements satisfactory to such boards controlling public parks and grounds to provide for the supervision, instruction and oversight necessary to carry on public educational and recreational activities, as described in this section in buildings and upon grounds in the custody and under the management of such commissioners or boards having charge of public parks and public buildings on grounds of whatever sort, in such cities of the first or second class, cities under special charter, or cities under commission plan of government.

SEC. 2. **Petition—tax levy—question submitted.** The board of directors of any school district containing, or contained in, any city of the first or second class, city under special charter, or city under the commission plan of government, may, and upon petition to that effect signed by legally qualified voters aggregating not less than twenty-five (25) per cent of the number voting at the last preceding school election, shall, submit to the electors of such school district the question of levying a tax as in this act provided; and if a majority of the votes cast upon such proposition be in favor thereof, then the board of school directors shall proceed to organize the work as authorized in this act and levy a tax therefor at the time and in the manner provided in section three (3) of this act. If at the time of filing said petition it shall be more than three months till the next regular school election, then the board of school directors shall submit said question at a special election within sixty days.

SEC. 3. **Collection of tax—limitation.** Boards of school directors in such districts shall fix and certify to the board of supervisors on or before the first Monday of September the amount of money required for the next fiscal year for the support of the aforementioned activities, in the same manner as the amount of necessary taxes for other school purposes is certified and said board of supervisors shall levy and collect a tax upon all the property subject to taxation in said school district at the same time and in the same manner as other taxes are levied and collected by law which shall be equal to the amount of money so required for such purposes by the said board of school directors as provided in this act; provided that the tax so levied upon each dollar of the assessed valuation of all property, real and personal in said district, subject to taxation, shall not in any one year exceed two (2) mills for the purpose of the activities hereinbefore mentioned in this act; the said tax shall not be used or appropriated directly or indirectly for any other purpose than provided in this act.

SEC. 4. **Money—how expended.** All monies [moneys] received by, or raised in such city for the aforementioned purpose shall be paid over to the treasurer of the school district, to be disbursed by him on orders of such board of school directors in such district in the same manner as other funds of said school district are disbursed by him, but the tax provided for in this act shall not be levied or collected nor shall the board of school directors, as provided in this act, have authority to certify the amount of taxes necessary for this purpose until after the question of the levy of such tax shall have been authorized by a majority vote at a regular or special election.

SEC. 5. **Discontinuance of levy.** After the question of the levy of such special tax has been submitted to and approved by the voters as provided in this act, the authority shall remain, and such tax shall be levied and collected annually until such time as the voters of the school district of such city shall by majority vote order the discontinuance of the levy and collection of such tax.

SEC. 6. **Discontinuing levy—question submitted.** The board of school directors in any district governed by this act, may, and on petition to that effect signed by legally qualified voters aggregating not less than twenty five (25) per cent of the number voting at the last preceding school election, shall submit to the electors of such school district the question of discontinuing the levying of such tax as may have been previously authorized under the provisions of this act, and if a majority of the votes cast upon such proposition be in favor thereof, then the levying of such tax shall be discontinued and shall not be resumed unless again authorized under the provisions of section two (2) of this act.

SEC. 7. **Appropriation by city council.** The board of school directors in any district governed by this act, is also empowered to receive and expend for the purpose of this act, any sums of money appropriated and turned over to them by the city council or commissioners of such city for such purposes; and the city council or commissioners of such city, shall have authority to appropriate and turn over to the board of school directors of the school district containing or contained in such city, any reasonable sums of money which the said council or commissioners may desire to appropriate out of the general funds of such city and turn over to the said board of school directors for the purposes herein set forth.

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