

1    SEC. 5.\* **Publication clause.** This act being deemed of imme-  
 2    diate importance shall be in full force and effect from and after its  
 3    publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines News,  
 4    newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 6, A. D. 1915.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines News March 9, 1915 and in the Register and Leader March 10, 1915.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 21.

ADDIE C. JOHNSON.

H. F. 165.

AN ACT empowering and directing the governor and secretary of state to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed, conveying to Addie C. Johnson all of the right, title and interest of the state of Iowa in the west one-fourth of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty, township seventy-nine north, range twenty-three west of the 5th principal meridian.

WHEREAS, it appears that Addie C. Johnson is now the owner of the west one-fourth of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty, township seventy-nine north, range twenty-three west of the fifth principal meridian, by purchase through an unbroken chain of title from Reuben B. Ellis; and,

WHEREAS, it appears that Reuben B. Ellis obtained title to said premises upon September 27, 1875, under and by virtue of foreclosure proceedings on a mortgage conveying said premises, which had theretofore been executed and delivered to him by one Samuel F. Rankin, the then owner thereof, and,

WHEREAS, after the execution of said mortgage and before the commencement of foreclosure proceedings thereon, said premises was conveyed, subject to said mortgage, by warranty deed, recorded in book twenty, page two hundred ninety-six of the records of Polk county, Iowa, to H. D. Noble, C. Close and O. H. P. Buchanan, trustees in trust, for the Iowa agricultural college; and,

WHEREAS, foreclosure proceedings was thereafter instituted on said mortgage and said H. D. Noble, C. Close and O. H. P. Buchanan, trustees, made parties thereto, without the consent of the state of Iowa appearing to have been given thereto; and

WHEREAS, said C. Close and O. H. P. Buchanan, surviving trustees, did thereafter undertake to convey aforesaid premises by quitclaim deed, recorded in book thirty-five at page one hundred thirty of the records of Polk county, Iowa, to the state of Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen as to the legality of said foreclosure proceedings by reason of the fact that said trustees, parties defendant in said foreclosure proceedings, were in truth an agency, or arm of the state of

[\*No Section 4 appears in this act.]

Iowa, and by reason of the further fact that the said state of Iowa cannot be sued without its consent, on account of both of which, a cloud is cast upon the title of the said Addie C. Johnson, and

WHEREAS, it appears that said Addie C. Johnson paid value for and is now in possession of said premises and that she and her grantors and predecessors in title have been in possession thereof continuously under claim of ownership and color of title, openly and adversely claiming and believing themselves to be the owners thereof for more than thirty-nine years; and,

WHEREAS, neither the state of Iowa nor any of its agencies has claimed or exercised any right, control or ownership in said premises, since said foreclosure thereof.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Quitclaim deed authorized.** That the governor and  
2 secretary of state be and are hereby authorized, empowered and  
3 directed to execute and deliver a quitclaim deed to Addie C. Johnson,  
4 conveying to her all right, title, claim and interest of the state of Iowa  
5 in and to said west one-fourth of the southwest quarter of the south-  
6 east quarter of section twenty, township seventy-nine north, range  
7 twenty-three west of the fifth principal meridian.

1 SEC. 2. **Publication clause.** This act, being deemed of immediate  
2 ate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
3 passage and publication in the Des Moines Daily Record, a news-  
4 paper published in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Plain Talk, a newspaper  
5 published in Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, all without expense to the  
6 state of Iowa.

Approved March 6, A. D. 1915.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Daily Record March 10, 1915 and in the Plain Talk March 11, 1915.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 22.

### OF THE TRANSFER OF PUBLIC SQUARES FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

S. F. 66.

AN ACT to amend section nine hundred thirty-two (932) of the code, relating to the transfer of public squares or other plats of ground deeded or dedicated to the public, to be used for school purposes.

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

1 SECTION 1. **Manner of transfer.** That section nine hundred  
2 thirty-two (932) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by  
3 adding thereto the following: