WHEREAS, the said board of control has cancelled certain contracts for the employment of prisoners in the state penitentiary and the men's reformatory between said board of control and the Reliance Manufacturing Company and the Sterling Company, the date of cancellation to be effective as of July 1, 1924 and it is the desire of this legislature to ratify and confirm the board of control in its cancellation of these contracts, now, therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. Contracts cancelled. That the resolution of the board 2 of control cancelling the contracts between the board of control and 3 the Reliance Manufacturing Company and the Sterling Company for 4 the employment of prisoners in the state penitentiary and in the 5 men's reformatory is ratified and confirmed, and said contracts are 6 cancelled as of date July 1, 1924.

1 SEC. 2. Contracts authorized. The board of control of state insti-2 tutions is authorized to enter into contracts with persons, firms or 3 corporations for the employment of prisoners on state premises where 4 the work and prisoners employed thereon are under the supervision, 5 direction and control of the board of control and the warden, providing 6 always that such contracts shall not extend beyond July 1, 1927.

1 SEC. 3 Terms. In making such contracts the board shall not per- $\mathbf{2}$ mit such services to be rendered to a private party at a less wage than 3 is paid free labor for like service or its equivalent, taking into con-4 sideration all the elements that enter into the value of prison labor, 5 and the decision of the board of control in that respect shall be final, after approval by the appeal board provided for by chapter 3-a of 6 $\mathbf{7}$ senate file No. 7 of the acts of the fortieth general assembly of Iowa, 8 extra session.

1 SEC. 4. Publication. This act being deemed of immediate im-2 portance, shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication 3 in the Des Moines Register and the Des Moines Capital, newspapers 4 published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 29, A. D. 1924.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Register May 2, 1924, and the Des Moines Capital May 1, 1924. W. C. RAMSAY, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 50

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TOLEDO

S. F. 301

AN ACT to legalize the action of the board of directors of the independent school district of Toledo, Tama county, Iowa, and the treasurer thereof in the transfer of certain funds from the general fund to the school house fund of said school district.

WHEREAS, the board of directors of the independent school district of Toledo, Tama county, Iowa, did during the year 1914 construct and equip a new school house and did under the date of April first, 1914, issue seventy-

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WHEREAS, fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$58,000.00) of said bonds mature on April first, 1924, the balance having been paid, and

WHEREAS, there was during the current year large amounts of money on hand in the general fund not needed for use in said fund and said board of directors, desiring to retire five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) of the bonds maturing on April first, 1924, without resorting to the means of issuing refunding bonds in that amount, and because it had said surplus on hand in said general fund and had no use for the same in said fund, did by unanimous vote of its board of directors, authorize and direct its school treasurer to transfer the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from its general fund to its school house fund, and said transfer was duly made, and

WHEREAS, it was the unanimous opinion of said board of directors that it was for the best interests of said school district to use said amount thus transferred to retire bonds maturing in like amount, and

WHEREAS, doubt has arisen as to the legality of said transfer, and as to said board's right to make the same.

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

1 Transfer legalized. That the acts of the board of SECTION 1. 2 directors of the independent school district of Toledo, Tama county, 3 Iowa, and of the treasurer of said school district, in transferring the 4 sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) from the general fund of said school district to its school house fund, be and the same are 5 6 hereby legalized and validated.

1 Publication. This act being deemed of immediate impor-Sec. 2. $\mathbf{2}$ tance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication 3 in the Des Moines Register, a newspaper published in Des Moines, 4 Iowa, and the Toledo Chronicle, a newspaper published in Toledo, Tama 5

county, Iowa, said publication to be made without cost to the state.

Approved March 31, A. D. 1924.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Toledo Chronicle, April 3, 1924, and the Des Moines Register, April 4, 1924. W. C. RAMSAY, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 51

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OF COUNCIL BLUFFS

S. F. 286

AN ACT to legalize an election held in the independent school district of Council Bluffs, in the county of Pottawattamic, state of Iowa, and the issuance and sale of bonds by said school district pursuant thereto.

WHEREAS, at the regular election held on March 12, 1923, a majority of the voters of the independent school district of Council Bluffs, in the county of Pottawattamie, state of Iowa, voting thereat, voted in favor of issuing bonds of said school district in the sum of \$225,000, for the purpose