

## CHAPTER 68.

## LEVEE ON MUSCATINE ISLAND.

AN ACT to provide for levying a tax on certain lands to complete and keep in repair a Levee on Muscatine Island, and for the election of a Levee Commissioner to superintend the same.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That all land, city and town lots on Muscatine Island, between the location of the levee, now begun, and the Muscatine Slough, in Muscatine and Louisa counties shall be subject to an equal tax per acre annually, at a rate not to exceed eight cents, and the town and city lots at a rate not to exceed eighty cents each.

Property on Muscatine, Island taxed.

**SEC. 2.** All land, city and town lots, bordering on the west side of the Muscatine Slough, in Muscatine and Louisa counties, that would be benefitted by a levee on Muscatine Island, shall be subject to the same tax as provided in the first section of this act, for land, city and town lots, on Muscatine Island.

Property on the west side of Muscatine Slough taxed.

**SEC. 3.** The said tax to be levied by the County Judge of Muscatine county, upon such land, city and town lots as are situated in said county, and by the County Judge of Louisa county for such land, city and town lots as are situated in Louisa county.

Co. Judges of Muscatine and Louisa counties to make levy.

**SEC. 4.** The said tax shall be assessed and collected at the same time other taxes are assessed and collected, and not to be paid out, except as hereinafter provided: *Provided,* that no tax shall be levied until the County Surveyor of Muscatine county, and the County Surveyor of Louisa shall have made a survey and plat of all land, city and town lots, within the bounds described in the first section of this act, and such land, city and town lots, west of the Muscatine Slough in Muscatine and Louisa counties as would be benefitted by a levee on Muscatine Island, and shall have filed a copy thereof, containing a description of such land, city and town lots as lie in Muscatine county with the County Judge of said county, and a copy thereof containiug a description of such land, city and town lots, as lie in Louisa county with the County Judge of said county.

Tax collected.

Surveyors to make plats of property taxed.

SEC. 5. At the time fixed by law for the election of Justices of the Peace in this State, there shall be elected in Bloomington and Seventysix township in Muscatine county a levee Commissioner, and in Port Louisa and Grandview townships in Louisa county, a levee Commissioner: Said Commissioners must reside on Muscatine Island; and in the election of said levee Commissioners, no elector shall vote except he resides in the district subject to be taxed under the provisions of this act. Returns of such election shall be made in the same manner as now provided by law for the election of county officers, and the person receiving the largest number of votes shall be duly declared elected.

Levee Com'rs elected.

Qualification and election.

SEC. 6. Said Commissioner when elected shall be authorized, after taking and subscribing an oath before the County Judge of their respective counties for the faithful performance of their duty, to adopt a plan to complete and keep in repair said levee or levees on Muscatine Island, and to pay for the same, from taxes to be collected under the provisions of this act, and the proceeds of the sale of such swamp land on said Muscatine Island, and the borders of the Muscatine Slough as may be conveyed by the United States to the State of Iowa, in conformity with an act of Congress passed the twenty-eighth of September 1850, or so much thereof as has not been expended on said work, shall be applied to defray the expenses incurred by said levee Commissioners in constructing and keeping in repair said levee or levees on Muscatine Island in their respective counties.

Com'rs authorized to construct levee.

Swamp lands applied to construction.

SEC. 7. As soon as said Levee Commissioners are elected and qualified, or either of them, he or they are hereby authorized to receive all books and papers properly appertaining to said levee or levees.

Books and papers relating to levee

SEC. 8. The said Levee Commissioners shall receive two dollars per day as a compensation for their services, for the time they are actually employed in their official capacity, to be approved by the County Judge.

Pay of Com'rs.

SEC. 9. The County Judge in one of the above named counties failing to comply with the provisions of this

A failure in one district not so affect the other.

act, shall in no manner affect the rights of the district in the other county.

Conflicting laws repealed.

SEC. 10. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 16th, 1858.

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## CHAPTER 69.

### NEW HAVEN, BUCHANAN COUNTY.

AN ACT to amend Section two of an Act entitled an act to change the name of New Haven in Buchanan County, approved January 27th, 1857.

Two years allowed to file a record of act.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That Section two (2) of an act entitled an act to change the name of New Haven in Buchanan County, approved January 27th, 1857, be amended so as to read "within two years after the passage of this act a copy of the same shall be filed for record in the office of the Recorder of deeds of Buchanan County, and from and after such filing in all conveyances of lots in any of the said additions the description shall be in accordance with the changes made by this act, *Provided,* that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to vitiate the title to any lot heretofore conveyed in the said New Haven or any addition thereto.

Take effect.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect from and after its publication in Independence Civilian and Quasqueton Guardian without expense to the State, papers published in Buchanan County, Iowa.

Approved March 16th, 1858.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Quasqueton Guardian, on the 22nd day of April, 1858.

ELIJAH SELLS,  
Secretary of State.