

into the city school treasury or treasury of the independent district its share of such apportionment.

Violations of this Act shall be prosecuted

SEC. 12. All fines and forfeitures imposed as a penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this Act, or neglect of any duty imposed by the same, shall be prosecuted for by complaint of any citizen before a Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction, and no mere technical objection to the form of the information shall be allowed to defeat a prosecution so commenced.

Take effect by publication.

SEC. 13. This Act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in State Register, Des Moines Times and Iowa Homestead and Farmer, newspapers published in the City of Des Moines, or any two of them.

Approved March 29th, 1862.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Des Moines Times April 12th, 1862, and in the Iowa State Register, April 18th, 1862.

ELIJAH SELLS, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 77.

SWAMP LANDS.

AN ACT to amend Section nine hundred and eighty-six [986] of the Revision of 1860, in relation to Swamp Lands.

Counties may dispose of their Swamp Lands.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That Section nine hundred and eighty-six of the Revision of 1860, be so amended as to read as follows: That it shall be competent and lawful for the counties owning swamp and overflowed lands, to devote the same or the proceeds thereof, either in whole or in part to the erection of public buildings for the purpose of education, the building of bridges, roads and highways, for building institutions of learning, or for a permanent school fund for the use of the county to which such lands belong, or for building county buildings, or for making railroads through the county or counties to which such lands belong: *Provided,* That before any of said land or the proceeds thereof shall be so devoted to any of the purposes aforesaid, the question whether the same shall be so done shall be submitted at some general or special election to the people of the county: *Provided, always,*

That no county is hereby released from its obligations to make the necessary drains and levees contemplated by Act of Congress, passed Sept. 28th, 1850, and the Act of the General Assembly of this State, passed January 13, 1853.

SEC. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Daily State Register and Des Moines Times.

This bill having remained with the Governor three days (Sunday excepted,) the General Assembly being in session, has become a law this 31st day of March, 1862.

ELIJAH SELLS, Secretary of State.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Daily Iowa State Register April 3rd, 1862, and in the Des Moines Daily Times, April 5th 1862.

ELIJAH SELLS, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 78.

TOWN PLATS.

AN ACT providing for the vacation of Town Plats.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That in all cases wherein any person or persons, body politic or corporate, have laid out or may hereafter lay out any lands into town plats, or any additions to a town plat, or sub-divisions of town lots, and the maps or plats have been recorded, they, their heirs, assigns, grantees or successors or executors under order of the proper Probate Court, may at any time before making sale of any lot or lots therein, by executing a writing duly acknowledged or proved as is or may be required in respect to deeds, and causing the same to be recorded in the office in which the plat or map was recorded, declare such plat to be vacated; and the execution and recording of such writing shall operate to destroy the force and effect of the recording of the map or plat so vacated, and to divest all public rights in the streets, alleys, commons and public grounds laid out or described in such plat or map. And in cases wherein any single lot or lots shall have been sold, the town-plat or addition or subdivision of town lots, in which said lot or lots so sold is situated, may be vacated as herein provided, by all the owners of lots in such town plat, or ad-

Town plats may be vacated before the sale of lots.

May be vacated after the sale of lots by consent of lot owners.