

CHAPTER 85.

AUDITING COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act providing for auditing all accounts and disbursements arising under the call for volunteers from Iowa, and also for all men organized as the State Militia of Iowa.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the Board of Commissioners, (created by said act of which this is amendatory) or any member thereof, shall have power to administer oaths to witnesses and claimants in matters pending before them. May administer oath in proof of account.

SEC. 2. That section three of the act of which this is amendatory is hereby repealed, and the Board of Commissioners are authorized and directed to audit all claims authorized to be audited by the act of which this is amendatory, without regard to the time of their presentation. Claims not based by limitation.

SEC. 3. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Times, any law in this State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved April 2d, 1862.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Des Moines Times April 5th, 1862, and in the Iowa State Register April 9, 1862.

ELIJAH SELLS, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 86.

MILLS COUNTY SWAMP LAND.

AN ACT authorizing the people of Mills County to cancel the indebtedness of said County to the Swamp Land Fund.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That as soon as the County Board of Supervisors of Mills county are unanimously satisfied that the Swamp Lands in said County have been reclaimed according to the spirit and intent of the law under which they were granted to the State, and all liabilities against said lands or fund are satisfied, it shall then Board of Supervisors may cancel Swamp Land Fund indebtedness—submit to a vote of the people.

be lawful for said Board to submit the question to the qualified electors of said County, (at some general election) whether they will cancel their indebtedness to the Swamp Land Fund.

Submission to a vote, notice to be given by publication, etc.

SEC. 2. The Board of Supervisors of said County shall give notice of the submission of the aforesaid question, to be published in the newspapers printed in said County, for four consecutive weeks next prior to said election, and if no newspaper be published in said County, then by causing such notice to be posted at the usual places of holding elections in said County, for at least thirty days prior to said election.

Vote, written on printed on ballot.

SEC. 3. Every person voting at said election shall have the right to use the words written or printed on his ballot "for canceling the Swamp Land Debt," or "against canceling the Swamp Land Debt."

Clerk to keep tally list, one to be preserved and one to be returned to Board of Supervisors.

SEC. 4. Each Clerk at said election shall keep a correct tally list of the number of votes cast at said election, "for canceling the Swamp Land Debt," and "against canceling the Swamp Land Debt," one of which lists shall be preserved by the Township Clerk, and the other returned to the County Board of Canvassers, with the proper poll book.

Board of canvassers shall file a correct account of the vote with the Board of Supervisors.

SEC. 5. The Board of County Canvassers of said County, at the time of canvassing the returns of said election, shall keep a correct account of the votes cast as aforesaid, and cause to be certified and filed in the office of the Board of Supervisors an abstract thereof and a memorandum thereof entered upon the journal of their proceedings.

Board of Supervisors shall cancel said indebtedness if the vote shall be in favor.

And if it shall appear that a majority of all the votes cast in said County, for or against canceling the Swamp Land Debt, shall be cast for canceling the Swamp Land Debt, said Board of Supervisors shall cause the several evidences of indebtedness of said County to the Swamp Land Fund to be canceled absolutely; but if a majority of said votes cast as aforesaid, shall be cast against canceling the swamp land debt, no further proceedings shall be had, and said indebtedness shall be and remain, as if this Act had never been passed, and said vote had not been taken.

Approved, April 2, 1862.