

**Sec. 3.** This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Des Moines Daily Register, and Ottumwa Daily Courier. In force when.

Approved, April 6th, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Ottumwa Daily Courier*, April 9, and in the *Daily Iowa State Register*, April 10, 1872.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*

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CHAPTER XXXII.

[S. F. 184.]

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

AN ACT Concerning Acknowledgments of Deeds and other Instruments in Writing, executed in Foreign Countries. APRIL 6.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That chapter forty-six of the laws of the Eleventh General Assembly be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and that in lieu thereof the following provisions are enacted: 1868: chapter 46 superseded.

**Sec. 2.** All instruments in writing, deeds, mortgages, or other conveyances of lands within this State, or powers of attorney, or any other written documents which are executed without the United States, may be acknowledged or proven before any ambassador, minister, secretary of legation, consul, charge d'affaires, consular agent, or any other officer of the United States, in a foreign country, who is authorized to issue certificates under the seal of the United States. Said instruments in writing may also be acknowledged or proven before any officer of a foreign country, who is authorized by the laws thereof to certify to the acknowledgments of written documents; but the certificate of acknowledgment by a foreign officer must be authenticated by one of the above named officers of the United States, whose official written statement, that full faith and credit is due to the certificate of such foreign officer, shall be deemed sufficient evidence of the qualification of said officer to take acknowledgments and to certify thereto, and of the genuineness of his signature or seal if he have any. All instruments in writing already executed or which may be hereafter executed in accordance Instruments in writing executed in foreign countries how proved.

Certificate of foreign officer, how authenticated.

Credit due such certificate.

Instruments heretofore executed, when declared valid.

with the provisions of this act, are hereby declared effectual and valid in law, and to be evidence in any courts of this State.

SEC. 3. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the State Register, and State Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

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CHAPTER XXXIII.

[S. F. 171.]

REGULATING RAILROAD CROSSINGS NEAR THE MISSISSIPPI.

APRIL 6. AN ACT to Regulate the Intersection of Railroad Tracks near the Mississippi River.

Tracks at railroad crossings near Mississippi river to be above high water.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That whenever it shall be necessary for any railroad company in the construction of its road to cross the track or tracks of any other railroad company, upon or near the shore of the Mississippi river, each of said railroad companies shall be required so to construct and maintain its respective road-bed at the point of said crossings, that the track or tracks of each shall be above the level of high water of said river.

Proviso: authority of councils of cities of over 6,000 people.

SEC. 2. *Provided*, That when such crossings occur within the limits of cities of six thousand inhabitants or upwards, nothing herein contained shall deprive the city council of such city of the right to fix and establish the elevation of grades at such crossings.

In force when.

SEC. 3. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the State Leader, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved, April 6th, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily State Leader*, April 9, and in the *Daily Iowa State Register*, April 10, 1872.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*