

said parcels of land have paid the contract price for the same, the said parties thus purchasing shall each be entitled to a patent for said land.

Approved March 12th, 1874.

CHAPTER XXVII.

LEGALIZING TAXES IN HAMILTON COUNTY.

H. F. 7. AN ACT to Legalize the Levy of certain Taxes in the County of Hamilton, in the State of Iowa

Preamble: WHEREAS, The board of supervisors of Hamilton county, Iowa, levied a tax of two mills on the dollar on the taxable property of said county as a contingent fund; and

Levy for illegal tax.

WHEREAS, 98 per cent. of the taxes so levied have been collected, and disbursed in payment of the indebtedness of said county; and

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen in respect to the legality of such levy; therefore

Action of board legalized.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the act of the said board of supervisors in levying said tax be and the same is hereby legalized, and said levy is hereby made legal and valid as though the same had been made in strict conformity with law.

Publication clause.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect from and after its publication in *The Iowa State Register*, and *Hamilton Freeman*, anything in the statutes of this state to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided*, Such publication shall be without expense to the state.

Approved March 12th, 1874.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in *The Daily Iowa State Register*, March 21, and in *The Hamilton Freeman*, March 25, 1874.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

LEGALIZING ACTS OF A JUSTICE IN HAMILTON COUNTY.

H. F. 129. AN ACT Legalizing the Acts of Lars Henryson, an acting Justice of the Peace of Scott Township, Hamilton County, Iowa.

Preamble: no record of qualification. WHEREAS, Lars Henryson, a citizen and legal voter of Scott township, Hamilton county, Iowa, was duly and legally elected to the office of justice of the peace in Scott township, Hamilton county, Iowa, as his own successor, at the general election held on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1870, for the full term of two years; and

WHEREAS, He duly qualified and took the oath of office as said justice of the peace, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of said office, and rendered judgment[s], took acknowledgment of deeds, and did perform all and singular such acts as were required of him as justice of the peace as aforesaid during the years of 1871 and 1872; and

WHEREAS, Through inadvertence or neglect the board of supervisors of said county of Hamilton failed to make any record of the qualification of said Lars Henryson as justice of the peace as aforesaid, or to record his official bond; and

WHEREAS, There is no record of his qualification or authority to act as justice of the peace as aforesaid; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That all the judgments rendered and acknowledgments taken by said Lars Henryson while so acting as justice of the peace, and all official acts done and performed by him during his term of office, be and the same are legalized, and they shall be as valid and have the same force and effect as though his qualification had been duly entered of record as required by law. Official acts legalized.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in The Daily State Register and The Hamilton Freeman without expense to the State. Publication clause.

Approved March 12th, 1874.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa Daily State Register* March 21, and in *The Hamilton Freeman* March 25, 1874.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER XXIX.

IN RELATION TO RIVER SCHOOL LANDS IN WEBSTER AND HAMILTON COUNTIES.

AN ACT to Quiet and Confirm the Title to certain Lands in Webster and Hamilton Counties and Adjust the Matters connected therewith. S. F. 206.

WHEREAS, The State of Iowa has heretofore sold and contracted to sell certain lands situated in the counties of Webster and Hamilton, in this state, as school-lands inuring to the state of Iowa under the act of Congress approved September 4th, 1841, known as the five hundred thousand acre grant; and Preamble:

WHEREAS, Said lands are now claimed by the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad Company and its grantees, adversely to the title and contracts of the state as aforesaid, and suits are pending and being brought against such persons holding the same under the state of Iowa by such adverse claimants for the possession thereof, and such litigation will involve such persons in costs, expenses, and trouble, and the interests of the state may not therein be fully protected, and its title to that class of lands may therein be declared void; therefore,