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Approved March 17, 1876.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Leader*, March 23, *Iowa State Register*, March 25, and in the *Staats Anzeiger* March 30, 1876.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 158.

LEGALIZING CERTAIN ASSESSMENTS IN WEBSTER COUNTY.

AN ACT to Legalize the Assessment of Property for Taxation in Wah- H. F. 293.
konsa Township, Webster County, Iowa, for the years 1869 and 1870, and to Legalize the Levy of Taxes within said Township and within the Corporate Limits of the City of Fort Dodge in the Township, County and State aforesaid, for the Year A. D. 1870.

WHEREAS, Certain informalities occurred in the assessment of Preamble.
the taxable property of the township of Wahkonsa, Webster county, Iowa, for the year 1869, and

WHEREAS, This informality is supposed to have affected the validity of taxes based upon said assessment, and

WHEREAS, This informality extended to property included within the limits of the city of Fort Dodge, organized in the year 1869, and subsequent to such assessment, and

WHEREAS, Certain other informalities occurred in the levy of the city tax of the city of Fort Dodge for the year 1870, and

WHEREAS, By reason of such informalities, doubts have been thrown upon the validity of taxes levied upon property in said Wahkonsa township for the years 1869 and 1870, and upon the taxes levied upon the property within the city of Fort Dodge for the year 1870; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the taxes so levied upon the property within said township of Wahkonsa, Webster county, Iowa, for the years 1869 and 1870, and the taxes so levied by the city of Fort Dodge upon taxable property within its limits for the year 1870, be and the same are hereby declared legal and valid, and where the same have not been paid the same may be collected as though such informalities had not occurred. Levy of taxes make valid.

Provided, That any person may be permitted to pay said tax without interest or penalty, Provide: no interest or penalty.

Provided further, That nothing in this act shall be construed so as to legalize the levy of any tax voted in aid of any railroad. Provide: railroad tax.

Provided, That the provisions of this act shall in no manner affect any suit now pending wherein the legality of said tax is put in issue. Provide: suits now pending.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed, by the general assembly, of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force after its publication in the Fort Dodge Messenger and Iowa State Register, without expense to the state.

Approved March 17, 1876.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Fort Dodge Messenger* March 30, and in the *Iowa State Register*, April 5, 1876.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 159.

IN RELATION TO REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INSTITUTIONS.

H. F. 366. AN ACT in Relation to the Reports of Public Officers and Institutions, and to Provide for Printing and Distributing Public Documents, Amendatory of Chapter 9, Title II of the Code, Relating to the General Regulations of the Executive Department; also of Title VIII., Chapter 1, in Relation to the Militia; and also of Title XII., Chapter 3, Relating to the Agricultural College, [and Chapter 14, Relating to the State Library.]

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. The register of the state land office, the adjutant-general, the boards of trustees of all the institutions except the state agricultural college and farm and the hospitals for the insane, the wardens of the penitentiaries, the visiting committee to the hospitals for the insane, the board of fish commissioners, and the board of curators of the state historical society shall, on or before the first day of November preceding each regular session of the general assembly, transmit to the governor of the state a report of the condition and needs of the offices, or institutions, severally intrusted to their care, as well as of all other matters upon which reports are now required of such officers and boards; and also a statement showing in detail the expenditure of all public moneys placed or coming into the hands of said boards, with each voucher or duplicate voucher for all expenditures they have made.

SEC. 2. The biennial fiscal term of the state shall end on the 30th day of September in 1877, and each odd-numbered year thereafter; and the succeeding term shall begin on the day following; and the reports of officers and institutions shall cover the period thus indicated, and shall show the condition of their offices and institutions, respectively on that day. *Provided*, that this section shall not apply to the state agricultural college and farm.

SEC. 3. The governor shall cause to be printed of the various public documents as follows:

Of the biennial message, ten thousand copies; of the governor's inaugural address five thousand copies; of the report of the auditor of state, seven thousand copies; of the report of the superintendent of public instruction, six thousand copies; of the report

To take effect.

What officers shall report;

By Nov. 1st preceding session of G. A.

Biennial fiscal term.

Proviso; ag. college.

Number to be printed of various documents.