

## CHAPTER 186.

## REQUIRING RAILROAD COMPANIES TO RECORD EVIDENCE OF TITLE TO LANDS.

H. F. 886.

AN ACT to Require Railroad Companies Holding Lands by Grant to Place Evidence of Their Title to Such Lands on Record.

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

Shall place  
evidence of  
title on record  
in each county.

SECTION 1. That each and every railroad company which owns or claims to own lands in the state of Iowa granted by the government of the United States or the state of Iowa, to aid it in the construction of its railroad, where it has not already done so, shall place on file and cause the same to be recorded within three months after the taking effect of this act, in each county wherein the land[s] so granted are situated, evidence of its title or claim of title, whether the same shall consist of patents from the United States or certificates from the secretary of the interior or governor of the state of Iowa, or the proper land office of the United States or state of Iowa. Where no patent was issued, reference shall be made in said certificate to the act or acts of congress, and the acts of the legislature of the state of Iowa granting such lands, giving the date of said acts, and date of their approval under which claim of title is made: *Provided*, that where the certificate of the secretary of the interior, or the patents, as the case may be, contain lands situated in more than one county, that the register of the state land office shall, upon the application of any railroad company or grantee, prepare and furnish, to be recorded, as aforesaid, a list of all the lands situated in any one county, so granted, patented, or certified. And when so recorded, said records, or a duly authenticated copy thereof, may be introduced in any court as evidence, as provided in sections 3702 of the Code.

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SEC. 2. Such evidence of title shall be filed with the recorder of deeds of the county in which the lands are situated, and it shall be the duty of the recorder to record the same and *shall* place an abstract thereof upon the index of deeds, so as to show the evidence of title, and the evidence thereof shall be constructive notice to all persons, as provided in other cases of entries upon said index, and the recorder shall receive same fees as for recording other instruments.

Approved, March 27, 1880.