

Duties.

Council to choose, when.

Assessors to act together to secure uniform assessment.

Provide; council may appoint in 1882.

herein provided. In case there should be a failure to elect, [or] a vacancy shall occur in the office of assessor within such incorporated city, the city council may elect some suitable person to perform the duties of such office for the unexpired term. It shall be the duty of such assessors, if more than one shall have been elected, to meet at least once a week, and oftener if they shall deem it necessary, and carefully compare valuations in order to secure a uniform assessment of all the property of such city and when so met they shall constitute a board of assessment, a majority of whom shall determine the value of any property as to which difference may arise in such board: *Provided*, that the city council of any city or town, having a population as aforesaid, shall have power in the year 1882 by resolution to increase the number of assessors not exceeding three, and to appoint the additional number provided for; and each assessor so appointed shall qualify and act, and hold *their* [his] office for the term as provided for in this act.

Approved, March 16, 1882.

## CHAPTER 111.

### INSURANCE FOR SCHOOL-BUILDINGS LEGALIZED.

S. F. 248.

AN ACT to Legalize Contracts made by School-Officers for the Insurance of School-Buildings, and to Legalize Warrants or Orders issued therefor.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Subdirectors and officers of school-boards in various school-districts and district-townships within this state have insured their respective school-houses against loss by fire and issued orders or warrants therefor, believing that they had the authority of law so to do; therefore,

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

Contracts for insurance made by school-board legalized.

SECTION 1. That any and all contracts heretofore made by subdirectors or by any board of directors or officers of any district-township or of any independent school-district within this state for insuring school-houses or school furniture against loss by fire within their respective districts, and all insurance policies issued in pursuance of such contracts, be and the same are hereby made as valid, legal, and binding as though such directors and school-officers had been authorized by law to make such contracts for insurance.

SEC. 2. That all warrants, orders, or other evidences of indebtedness heretofore issued by the officers of any school-districts within this state for the insurance of school-houses and school furniture be and the same are hereby made as legal, binding, and valid as though the law had authorized the issue and making of the same by such officers. Warrants for same legalized.

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

Approved, March 16, 1882.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in *The Iowa State Leader* March 20, and *Iowa State Register* March 23, 1882.

J. A. T. HULL, Secretary of State.

## CHAPTER 112.

### PUNISHING MALICIOUS MISCHIEF TO RAILROAD PROPERTY.

AN ACT to Further Diminish Liability to Railroad Accidents, and to Punish Interference with, and Injury to, Railroad Property. Sub. S. F. 20.  
[Amendatory of Chapter 8, Title XXIV, Relating to Offenses against Property.]

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

SECTION 1. If any person shall willfully and maliciously uncouple or detach the locomotive or tender or any of the cars of any railroad train, or shall in any manner aid, abet, or procure the doing of the same, such person shall be punished by imprisonment in the state penitentiary not exceeding five years, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or both, at the discretion of the court. Maliciously uncoupling cars punished as felony.

SEC. 2. If any person shall unlawfully seize upon any locomotive, with or without any express, mail, baggage, or other car attached thereto, and run the same upon any railroad, or shall aid, abet, or procure the doing of the same, such person shall be punished by imprisonment in the state penitentiary not exceeding ten years, or by fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, or both, at the discretion of the court. Running off locomotive, same.

SEC. 3. If any person shall, without permission from the proper authority, wrongfully take or run any hand-car upon any railroad in this state, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, at the discretion of the court: *Provided*, that if by such unlawful use of any hand-car any locomotive or car is thrown from the Running off hand-car misdemeanor; when, felony; when, manslaughter.