

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

SECTION 1. That the election held in Sumner, Ia., on Oct. 12th, 1894, be and it is hereby legalized; that the acts of the city officers be and they are declared as valid and as binding as though no irregularity had occurred in said election. <sup>Election legalized.</sup>

That the vote on proposition to bond be and it is declared as legal as though done in strict conformity to law; and that all ordinances passed by the city council in regard to the erection of a water-works plant and establishing of a water system be and they are declared to be of full force and effect.

Provided, that nothing in this act shall in any manner <sup>Saving clause</sup> affect pending litigation.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate impor- <sup>Take effect.</sup> tance shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved May 13, 1897.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader May 19, 1897.

G. L. DOBSON,  
Secretary of State.

#### CHAPTER 39.

AN ACT to legalize the action of the Electors of the Incorporated <sup>H. F. 103.</sup> Town of Audubon, Iowa, in voting to sell its Electric Light Plant; and the action of the Common Council of said town in selling said property.

WHEREAS, at the regular election held on March 2d, <sup>Preamble.</sup> 1896, the electors of the Incorporated Town of Audubon, Iowa, voted to dispose of its Electric Light Plant, by sale of the same.

AND WHEREAS on April 7th, 1896, the common council of said town of Audubon, pursuant to said vote, by resolution, voted to sell said Electric Light Plant to Nancy L. Freeman;

AND WHEREAS, on February 4th, 1897, pursuant to said action of the electors and common council of said town of Audubon, the said common council of said town did by resolution sell, grant, convey, and transfer said Electric Light Plant to Nancy L. Freeman;

AND WHEREAS, doubts have arisen as to the power of the electors and common council of said town to sell and convey said property, and of the legality of said sale and conveyance, by reason thereof, therefore;

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

SECTION 1. That the action of the electors of the Incorporated town of Audubon, Iowa, on March 2, 1896, in voting to dispose of its Electric Light Plant; and the action <sup>Disposal of electric light plant legalized.</sup>

of the Common Council of said town, pursuant to said vote, in agreeing to sell, and in selling said property to Nancy L. Freeman, on April 7th, 1896, and February 4th 1897, respectively, and all actions of said common council, and the officers of said town, in selling, and conveying said property to said Nancy L. Freeman, are hereby declared legal and binding; and shall have the same force and effect, as though the electors, common council and officers of said town had possessed full power and authority to perform any and all of said acts.

**Take effect.** SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect, and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, and Audubon Republican, newspapers published at Des Moines and Audubon, Iowa, respectively; without expense to the state.  
Approved May 21, 1897.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Audubon Republican May 27, 1897.

G. L. DOBSON,  
*Secretary of State.*

#### CHAPTER 40.

**H. F. 99.** AN ACT to legalize the acts of and to establish the Independent School District of Washington Mills.

**Preamble.** WHEREAS, The board of directors of the district township of Washington, Dubuque county, Iowa, at a meeting held on or about June 16th, 1894, granted the petition of eleven (11) legal voters of the village of Washington Mills, asking for the formation of the Independent District of Washington Mills, comprised of the following described territory, to-wit: The west  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 30, and west  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 31 in Washington township, and east  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 25 and east  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 35, and south  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sect. 36, and east  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 36, including village of Washington Mills, in Prairie Creek township, Dubuque county, Iowa.

Also 305.32 acres most northerly, comprising nearly the north  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Sect. 6, and west  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 5 in Otter Creek township; and north  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 1, in Butler township, Jackson county, Iowa; and in accordance with said petition, ordered an election at Washington Mills, at 1 P. M., June 30th, 1894, setting out the object of the election, and the territory to be included in said contemplated independent district of Washington Mills; giving full, due and legal notice, by posting notices in five (5) public places in said contemplated independent district, signed by the secretary of the board of directors of the District Township of Washington. At which election a great majority voted in favor of the organization of the said independent district;