

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;

Whereupon, the board of directors of the District Township of Washington, instead of giving a similar notice, as above set out, for the election of directors, proceeded, themselves to elect a board of directors for said independent district; and whereas, doubts have arisen as to the legality of the organization of the independent school district of Washington Mills, for reasons that the board of directors were irregularly elected, and that the consent of the board of directors of Prairie Creek township, Dubuque county, was not obtained to the formation of the independent district of Washington Mills; and, whereas, a suitable school house was erected at Washington Mills, by the board of directors of the said independent district, and a debt thereby contracted, for the payment of which bonds, authorized by the electors of said independent district of Washington Mills, were issued in accordance with law, by said board of directors, and sold by them; and,

WHEREAS, The board of directors of the independent district of Washington Mills, acting under section 180½ of the Code, levied certain taxes, which were collected and paid into the county treasury of Dubuque county, where said taxes still remain, because of the irregularities hereinbefore set out; and which said taxes have not been claimed by any other school district which might be legally entitled thereto nor reclaimed by the taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS, It appears that the interests of the inhabitants of the independent district of Washington Mills will be best subserved by the legalization of said independent district, and of the election of its board of directors and of their official acts; to the end that a school may be maintained in said district for the education of children resident therein, many of whom are now deprived of educational advantages because of the remoteness of other schools; therefore

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

SECTION 1. That the organization of the independent school district of Washington Mills, comprised of the territory above described, the election of directors and the official acts of said directors, be and the same are hereby legalized and made valid, the same as though said district had been organized in strict conformity with all the requirements of law. Organization  
legalized.

SEC. 2. Nothing in this act shall affect in any manner pending litigation relating to the subject matter hereof. Saving clause

SEC. 3. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, a newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and the Cascade Pioneer, a Take effect.

newspaper published at Cascade, in Dubuque county, Iowa, which publication shall be without expense to the state.  
Approved May 10, 1897.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register May 11, and Cascade Pioneer May 21, 1897.

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

#### CHAPTER 41.

H. F. 104. AN ACT legalizing the acts of C. A. O'Harrow, a justice of the peace in and for Owen Township, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa.

Preamble. WHEREAS, C. A. O'Harrow in the township of Owen, county of Cerro Gordo, State of Iowa, was on the 7th day of November, 1893, duly elected a justice of the peace in and for said township and county, and thereafter duly took the oath of office, but failed to execute and file a proper bond as such justice of the peace; and,

WHEREAS, The said C. A. O'Harrow has performed certain acts as such justice of the peace, between the date of said election and the 25th day of January, 1897; now, therefore,

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

Acts legalized SECTION 1. That all acts of said C. A. O'Harrow as said justice of the peace done and performed between the 7th day of November, 1893, and the 25th day of January, 1897, be and the same are hereby legalized and made valid, to the same extent as though said bond had been duly executed, filed, and approved, and said C. A. O'Harrow had duly qualified as such justice of the peace.

Take effect. SEC. 2. This act is deemed of immediate importance and shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Cerro Gordo Republican, newspapers published in Des Moines and Mason City respectively. Said publication to be without expense to the state.

Approved May 14, 1897.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Cerro Gordo Republican May 20, 1897.

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