

of the supplement to the code be and the same is hereby amended by inserting in the twenty-ninth line after the word "publish" the words "a summary thereof".

Approved April 13, A. D. 1904.

## CHAPTER 114.

### INDEBTEDNESS FOR SCHOOLHOUSE PURPOSES.

H. F. 268.

AN ACT to amend chapter fourteen (14) of title thirteen (XIII) of the code relating to the system of common schools, and the incurring of indebtedness for schoolhouse purposes.

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

That chapter fourteen (14) of title thirteen (XIII) of the code, be and the same is hereby amended, by adding thereto the following:

"SECTION 1. **Indebtedness authorized—amount.** Any independent school district containing, or contained in, any incorporated town or city of the second class, of three thousand or less population shall be allowed to become indebted, for the purpose of building and furnishing a schoolhouse or houses and procuring a site therefor, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate, two and one half per centum of the actual value of the taxable property within such independent school district such value to be ascertained by the last county tax list previous to the incurring of such indebtedness, anything contained in section two (2) chapter forty-one (41) of the acts of the 28th General Assembly notwithstanding.

"SEC. 2. **Petition.** Provided; that before such indebtedness can be contracted in excess of one and one quarter per centum of the actual value of the taxable property ascertained as provided in section one (1) of this act, a petition signed by a majority of the qualified electors of such independent district, shall be filed with the president of the board of directors asking that an election shall be called, stating the purpose for which the money is to be used, and that the necessary schoolhouse or houses cannot be built and furnished within the limit of one and one quarter per centum of the valuation.

"SEC. 3. **Question submitted.** The president of the board of directors on the receipt of such petition shall within ten (10) days call a meeting of the board who shall call such election fixing the time and place thereof, and give four weeks notice thereof, in some newspaper published in the said town or city, or if none be published therein in the next nearest town or city in the county. At such election the ballot shall be prepared and used in substantially the following form:

"For the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$——— for schoolhouse purposes.

"Against the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$———for schoolhouse purposes.

"SEC. 4. **Bonds.** If two thirds or more of all the electors voting at such election vote in favor of the issuance of such bonds, the board of directors shall issue the same and make provision for the payment of the same and the interest thereon as provided in section twenty-eight hundred twelve (2812) and twenty-eight hundred thirteen (2813) of the code."

SEC. 5. **In effect.** This act, being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Daily Capital, newspapers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1904.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines [Daily Capital, March 31, 1904, and Register and Leader April 1, 1904.

W. B. MARTIN,  
*Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 115.

### TEXT-BOOKS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

S. F. 17.

AN ACT to amend section number twenty-seven hundred and eighty-three (2783) of the code relating to text-books in public schools, and use of contingent funds.

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

**SECTION 1. Books on vocal music.** That section twenty-seven hundred and eighty-three (2783) of the code be and the same is hereby amended by inserting in the third line of said section after the words, "library books", the following words, "including books for the purpose of teaching vocal music".

Approved February 24, A. D. 1904.

## CHAPTER 116.

### COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

S. F. 40.

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in sections twenty-eight hundred and twenty-three-a (2823-a) and twenty-eight hundred and twenty-three-e (2823-e) of the supplement to the code, relating to compulsory education.

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

**SECTION 1. Duties of parents and guardians.** That the law as it appears in section twenty-eight hundred and twenty-three-a (2823-a) of the supplement to the code, be and the same is hereby amended by striking from the eighth line of said section the words, "twelve (12) consecutive school weeks in each school year", and inserting in lieu thereof the following, "sixteen (16) consecutive school weeks in each school year, commencing with the first week of school after the first day of September, unless the board of school directors shall determine upon a later date which date shall not be later than the first Monday in December."

**SEC. 2. Appointment of truant officers.** That the law as it appears in section twenty-eight hundred and twenty-three-e (2823-e) of the supplement to the code, be and the same is hereby amended by inserting after the word "may" and before the word "at" in the second line thereof the following: - "and in school corporations having a population of twenty thousand (20,000) or more shall".

Approved April 6, A. D. 1904.

## CHAPTER 117.

### STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

H. F. 297.

AN ACT making appropriations to the state historical society of Iowa. [Amendatory of chapter eighteen (18) of title thirteen (XIII) of the code, relating to the state historical society.]

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

**SECTION 1. Annual appropriation—purposes.** That there be and is hereby appropriated to the state historical society of Iowa, out of any money