

CHAPTER 251.

CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN SCHOOL DISTRICTS AT OTTUMWA, IOWA.

H. F. 453.

AN ACT to legalize the action of the independent school district of Star No. 6 of Center township, Wapello county, Iowa, and of the independent school district of Ottumwa, Iowa, consolidating the former with and merging it in the latter.

WHEREAS, The independent school district of Star No. 6 of Center township, Wapello county, Iowa, acting by and through its board of directors, petitioned the independent school district of Ottumwa, Iowa, to be consolidated with and merged in said latter school district, and,

WHEREAS, Said independent school district of Ottumwa, Iowa, acting by and through its board of directors, granted said petition and consolidated said independent school district, of Star No. 6 with and merged same in said independent school district of Ottumwa, Iowa, and,

WHEREAS, A tax was voted by the electors of said independent school district of Ottumwa on the 11th day of March 1907, for the purpose of erecting a school house south of the Des Moines river as it runs through said independent school district of Ottumwa, and,

WHEREAS, The most convenient and available site for said school house south of said Des Moines river as it runs through said independent school district of Ottumwa as consolidated is within territory formerly comprising the independent school district of Star No. 6 of Center township, and,

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality and regularity of the consolidation of said districts, and the authority of the officers and board of directors of the independent school district of Ottumwa as thus consolidated to select a site and erect a school house on the territory formerly known as the independent school district of Star No. 6 of Center township, therefore;

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

SECTION 1. **Consolidation legalized.** That the said action of the said independent school district of Star No. 6 of Center township, Wapello county, Iowa, and of the said independent school district of Ottumwa, Iowa, acting through their respective boards of directors be, and the same is hereby legalized and made valid. That said consolidation and merger without any further action or proceedings of any kind whatever be, and the same is hereby legalized and made valid as of the date of March 18th, 1907, and the board of directors, now qualified and acting in said independent school district of Ottumwa are hereby given jurisdiction over all of the territory covered by said consolidation, and are authorized and empowered to select a site and erect a school house at such points as they may decide, south of the Des Moines river and within the limits of the independent school districts of Ottumwa as consolidated, and to do any and all acts which the board, after its organization as provided for in section 13 of chapter 136 laws of the Thirty-first General Assembly, might or could do; and the directors now qualified and acting in said independent school district of Ottumwa shall serve out the respective terms for which they were elected, and their successors shall be selected as though no change had been made in said independent school district of Ottumwa.

SEC. 2. **In effect.** This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect on and after its publication in the Register and Leader, published

at Des Moines, Iowa, and the Ottumwa Courier, published at Ottumwa, Iowa.
Approved March 28, A. D. 1907.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Ottumwa Daily Courier, April 1, 1907, and the Register and Leader, April 2, 1907.

W. C. HAYWARD,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 252.

CONSOLIDATION OF THE DUNLEITH AND DUBUQUE BRIDGE COMPANIES.

S. F. 60.

AN ACT to validate and legalize the consolidation of the Dunleith and Dubuque Bridge Company, a corporation created under the laws of the state of Illinois, with the Dunleith and Dubuque Bridge Company, a corporation created under the laws of the state of Iowa, and validating and legalizing all rights and franchises exercised under said consolidation by said Iowa corporation, and all corporate acts and proceedings of the said Iowa corporation since the consolidation of the said Illinois corporation with it.

WHEREAS, On the 25th day of July 1866, the congress of the United States passed an act authorizing the construction and maintenance of a bridge across the Mississippi river, between Dunleith, in the state of Illinois, and Dubuque, in the state of Iowa.

AND WHEREAS, The legislature of the state of Illinois, by an act approved February 14th, 1857, granted a charter to the Dunleith and Dubuque bridge company, a corporation created under the laws of the state of Illinois, and which corporation was by its charter given power to unite and consolidate its franchises and property with any and all bridge and railroad companies in the state of Illinois, or state of Iowa.

AND WHEREAS, There was organized and created under the laws of the state of Iowa, on the 3rd day of June, 1867, a corporation known as the Dunleith and Dubuque bridge company for the purposes of constructing a railroad bridge across the Mississippi river from the city of Dubuque, Iowa, to the city then known as Dunleith, in the state of Illinois.

AND WHEREAS, Section 1322 of the revision of 1860 of the laws of Iowa, granted the power to railroad companies to join and unite their said road to and with a railroad in an adjoining state, and to merge and consolidate the stock of such company with other railroad companies, and to thereby make one joint stock company of the railroads thus connected.

AND WHEREAS, It is provided in section 2036 of the code of Iowa of 1897, that a railroad corporation has the power to join intersect and unite, and to consolidate with any other corporation.

AND WHEREAS, On the 6th day of July, 1867, the Dunleith and Dubuque bridge company, a corporation created under the laws of the state of Illinois, executed articles of consolidation with the Dunleith and Dubuque bridge company, a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Iowa.

AND WHEREAS, The said corporation has operated as a consolidated company, and said consolidation has been in force and effective since the 6th day of July, 1867, and all corporate powers of said two corporations have been assumed and exercised by the said Dunleith and Dubuque bridge company, the Iowa corporation, under and by virtue of said articles of consolidation, and which last named corporation has transacted all business of said two corporations, and exercised all the franchises and rights of the said two corporations, under the name of said Iowa corporation, with which said Illinois corporation was so consolidated. Now therefore: