

CHAPTER 184.

INDEBTEDNESS OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

S. F. 290.

AN ACT to repeal section twenty-eight hundred twenty-a (2820-a), twenty-eight hundred twenty-b (2820-b), twenty-eight hundred twenty-c (2820-c), and twenty-eight hundred twenty-d (2820-d) of the supplement to the code, 1907, and to enact a substitute therefor relative to the limit of indebtedness of independent school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Repeal—indebtedness authorized in certain independent school districts. That sections twenty-eight hundred twenty-a (2820-a), twenty-eight hundred twenty-b (2820-b), twenty-eight hundred-c (2820-c), and twenty-eight hundred twenty-d (2820-d) of the supplement to the code, 1907, be and the same are hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

“Any independent school district containing, or contained in, city having a population of sixty-five thousand or more shall be allowed to become indebted, for the purpose of building and furnishing a school house or houses and procuring a site therefor, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate, including all other indebtedness, 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 thirteen hundred six-b (1306-b) of the supplement to the code, 1907, to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. Petition for election. 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 this act, a petition signed by a number of qualified electors equal to forty (40) per cent of the number voting at the last general election 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 school house or houses cannot be built and furnished within the limit of one and one quarter per centum of the valuation. Provided, in all cases contemplated in this section, a petition signed by twenty-five hundred (2,500) or more of the qualified electors of such independent district shall be deemed sufficient, and only those electors, including women, who are also owners of real property in such independent district, shall be qualified to sign such petition.

SEC. 3. Question submitted. The president of the board of directors, on 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, which may be at the time and place of holding the regular school election. Four weeks notice of such election shall be given by publication once each week, 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:

	Yes
	No

Shall the (naming the independent district) issue bonds in the sum of.....dollars (\$.....) for the purpose of constructing or equipping school houses.

SEC. 4. Bonds. If a majority 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 sections twenty-eight hundred twelve-d (2812-d), twen-

ty-eight hundred twelve-e (2812-e), twenty-eight hundred twelve-f (2812-f) and twenty-eight hundred thirteen (2813) of the supplement to the code, 1907.

SEC. 5. **Pending litigation—pending transactions.** But this act shall in no wise affect pending litigation nor act or acts of any school board under the statute or statutes herein repealed but the transaction, if any, may be completed with the same force and effect as if the statute were not repealed."

SEC. 6. **In effect.** This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in full force and effect on and after its publication in the Register and Leader and Des Moines Capital, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 6, A. D. 1909.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and Des Moines Capital May 21, A. D. 1909.

W. C. HAYWARD,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 185.

PROHIBITING SECRET FRATERNITIES AND SOCIETIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

S. F. 387.

AN ACT to prohibit secret fraternities and societies being formed in the public schools of this state, empowering and making it the duty of school directors to adopt rules and regulations relating thereto and to enforce the same, and making it an offense to solicit pupils to join them and prescribing the penalty therefor. [Additional to chapter fourteen (14) of title thirteen (XIII) of the code, relating to the system of common schools.]

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

SECTION 1. **Pupils prohibited from joining or organizing.** That from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any pupil, registered as such, and attending any public high school, district, primary, or graded school, which is partially or wholly maintained by public funds, to join, become a member of, or to solicit any other pupil of any such school to join, or become a member of any secret fraternity or society wholly or partially formed from the membership of pupils attending any such schools or to take part in the organization or formation of any such fraternity or society, except such societies or associations as are sanctioned by the directors of such schools.

SEC. 2. **Enforcement—rules and regulations.** The directors of all such schools shall enforce the provisions of section 1 of this act, and shall have full power and authority to make, adopt, and modify all rules and regulations which, in their judgment and discretion, may be necessary for the proper governing of such schools and enforcing all the provisions of section 1 of this act.

SEC. 3. **Suspension or dismissal.** The directors of such schools shall have full power and authority, pursuant to the adoption of such rules and regulations made and adopted by them, to suspend, or dismiss any pupil or pupils of such schools therefrom, or to prevent them, or any of them, from graduating or participating in school honors when, after investigation, in the judgment of such directors, or a majority of them, such pupil or pupils are guilty of violating any of the provisions of section 1 of this act, or who are guilty of violating any rule, rules, or regulations adopted by such directors for the purpose of governing such schools or enforcing section 1 of this act.

SEC. 4. **Rushing or soliciting—penalty—jurisdiction.** It is hereby made a misdemeanor for any person, not a pupil of such schools, to be upon the school grounds, or to enter any school building for the purpose of "rushing"