

## SPECIAL ACTS

### CHAPTER 266.

#### PRESERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF MEDIUM LAKE.

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AN ACT for the preservation and improvement of Medium Lake and the islands therein and placing the same within the jurisdiction of the city of Emmetsburg.

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

**SECTION 1. Reserved for park purposes.** That Medium Lake in Palo Alto county, Iowa, and the islands therein belonging to the state, or that shall be formed under this act, are hereby reserved from sale or other disposition and dedicated and set apart to the use of the people of the state for public parks and recreation grounds.

**SEC. 2. Jurisdiction.** The jurisdiction of the city of Emmetsburg is hereby extended so as to include the public waters and public lands within said Medium lake with the like force and effect as if the same were a part of the streets, public grounds and parks of said city, subject to the limitation in this act contained.

**SEC. 3. Improvements authorized.** Said city of Emmetsburg is hereby authorized and empowered to provide for the deepening, dredging, improving and beautifying of said Medium lake and public lands therein, and of such portions thereof as it shall determine, and for the formation of additional islands or of new land along the shore for the disposition of the material dredged from the lake and to make such alterations in the shore lines of said lake as may be necessary to accomplish the improvements hereby authorized, subject always to the riparian rights of private owners. But said city may authorize the riparian owners to make such necessary alterations and additions at their own expense. Said city is further authorized to lay out, establish, and improve streets, parks and boulevards along the shores of said lake or upon such new land. Said city is further authorized and empowered to provide for the stocking of said lake with fish and for the propagation and preservation thereof. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as excepting said lake from the operation of the general fish and game laws of the state.

**SEC. 4. In effect.** This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Register and Leader, a newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and the Palo Alto Reporter, Emmetsburg Democrat and Palo Alto Tribune, newspapers published at Emmetsburg, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved February 13, A. D. 1909.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader February 15, A. D. 1909, in the Emmetsburg Democrat February 17, A. D. 1909, in the Palo Alto Reporter February 18, A. D. 1909, and in the Palo Alto Tribune March 17, A. D. 1909.

W. C. HAYWARD,  
*Secretary of State.*