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 10 village or city of the then existing county seat as said town, village
 11 or city limits now exist, does not exceed one mile."

1 SEC. 2. Removal of county seats. That section four hundred
 2 two (402) supplement to the code, 1913, be amended by striking out
 3 the last clause thereof, beginning with the words "and provided fur-
 4 ther" as appear in the fourth line from the bottom of said section,
 5 and substituting in lieu thereof the following, to wit:
 6 "and provided further, that the provisions hereof relating to the
 7 removal of county seats located in one place for forty years or more,
 8 shall not apply when the distance between the limits of the town,
 9 village or city of the proposed county seat and the limits of the town,
 10 village or city of the then existing county seat as said town, village
 11 or city limits now exist, does not exceed one mile."

Approved March 7, A. D. 1917.

CHAPTER 35.

SCHOOL TOWNSHIP OF UTICA, CHICKASAW COUNTY.

H. F. 226.

AN ACT to legalize the special election held at the West Saude school house in Utica township, Chickasaw county, Iowa on the 8th day of July, 1916 to vote upon the proposition of organizing a consolidated independent school district comprised of parts of Utica and Jacksonville townships in Chickasaw county, Iowa and parts of Paris and New Oregon townships in Howard county, Iowa as a consolidated independent school district and to legalize said election and said consolidated independent school district and all acts done or performed and proceedings had with relation to the circulating and filing of petition, the giving of notices, the conduct of said election, the recording of the proceedings thereof, and all acts relating to the calling, holding and conducting of said election and declaring results thereof, and to extend the time for the election of officers and the organization of the board of said consolidated independent school district to January 1st, 1918:

WHEREAS, more than one-third of the electors residing on the territory hereinafter described signed and filed a petition with the board of directors of the school township of Utica in the county of Chickasaw and state of Iowa, it being the school corporation in which the portion of the proposed district having the largest number of voters is situated, petitioning for the establishment of a consolidated independent school district, comprising the following described territory, to-wit: The south one-half ($S\frac{1}{2}$) of sections seven (7), eight (8), nine (9) and ten (10) and all of sections fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), eighteen (18), nineteen (19), twenty (20), twenty-one (21), twenty-two (22), twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29), thirty (30), thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32), thirty-three (33), thirty-four (34) and west one-fourth ($W\frac{1}{4}$) of section thirty-five (35), and the northeast quarter ($NE\frac{1}{4}$) of the southwest quarter ($SW\frac{1}{4}$) of section thirty-five (35), township ninety-seven (97) north, range eleven (11), and the north one-half ($N\frac{1}{2}$) of sections three (3), four (4) and five (5), township ninety-six (96) north, range eleven (11), southeast quarter ($SE\frac{1}{4}$) and east one-half ($E\frac{1}{2}$) of southwest quarter ($SW\frac{1}{4}$) of section twelve and east three-fourths ($E\frac{3}{4}$) of sections thir-

teen (13), twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25) and thirty-six (36), and the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section twenty-four (24), township ninety-seven (97) north, range twelve (12), all west of the fifth (5th) principal meridian; and

WHEREAS, said petition was approved by the county superintendents of said Chickasaw and Howard counties, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the board of directors of the said school township of Utica in Chickasaw county, Iowa, at a special meeting held for that purpose, found said petition sufficient, and pursuant thereto called an election within the proposed limits of said proposed consolidated independent school district, and gave notice of the time, place and purpose of said election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said notice said election was held at the West Saude school house, in Utica township, Chickasaw county, Iowa at the time and place designated by said notice, the electors voting by ballot at said election; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the votes cast at said election were by the officers conducting said election found and declared to be in favor of the organization of said consolidated independent school district; and

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen as to the legality of said election and as to the legality and sufficiency of some of the official acts of the officers of said election, and the board of directors of said school township of Utica, in the calling, holding, conducting and announcing of said election, of the legality and sufficiency of the records made of said election and the proceedings had in connection therewith; and

WHEREAS, organization of said consolidated independent school district has not yet been effected by the election of directors, now therefore:

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

1 SECTION 1. Proceedings legalized. That the proceedings of the
2 board of directors of the school township of Utica in Chickasaw county,
3 Iowa, concerning and providing for the submission to the qualified
4 electors residing on the following described territory, to-wit: The
5 south one-half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of sections seven (7), eight (8), nine (9) and
6 ten (10) and all of sections fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17),
7 eighteen (18), nineteen (19), twenty (20), twenty-one (21), twenty-
8 two (22), twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29),
9 thirty (30), thirty-one (31), thirty-two (32), thirty-three (33),
10 thirty-four (34) and the west one-fourth (W $\frac{1}{4}$) of section thirty-
11 five (35) and the northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the southwest
12 quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section thirty-five (35), township ninety-seven
13 (97) north, range eleven (11), and the north one-half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of sec-
14 tions three (3), four (4) and five (5), township ninety-six (96) north,
15 range eleven (11), southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) and east one-half (E $\frac{1}{2}$)
16 of southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section twelve (12) and east three-
17 fourths (E $\frac{3}{4}$) of sections thirteen (13), twenty-four (24), twenty-
18 five (25) and thirty-six (36), and the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of
19 the southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of section twenty-four (24), township
20 ninety-seven (97) north, range twelve (12), all west of the fifth (5th)
21 principal meridian, the question of the establishment of a consolidated
22 independent school district embracing and comprising said territory,
23 the petition filed with said board of directors petitioning for said con-

24 solidated independent school district, the notice of the election sub-
 25 mitting the question of consolidation, the time and place of such elec-
 26 tion, the holding of said election at the West Saude school house in
 27 Utica township, Chickasaw county, Iowa on the 8th day of July, 1916,
 28 the manner of conducting said election by the judges and other offi-
 29 cers, the finding of the judges and clerks of election that a majority
 30 of the electors voting at said election had voted in favor of the forma-
 31 tion of said consolidated independent school district, and all proceed-
 32 ings had and acts done by the board of directors of said Utica town-
 33 ship, and by the judges and clerks of election, acting at said special
 34 election, in the calling, holding, carrying on and conducting of said
 35 election and any and all proceedings had in relation thereto, whether
 36 herein particularly specified or not, together with the consolidated
 37 independent school district, be, and they are, hereby legalized and vali-
 38 dated as fully and completely as though the law had in all things been
 39 fully and technically complied with in every respect, and said special
 40 election is hereby legalized and validated.

1 **SEC. 2. Time for organization extended.** That the time provided
 2 for the organization of said consolidated independent school district
 3 by the selection of its directors and officers is hereby extended to Jan-
 4 uary 1st, 1918.

1 **SEC. 3. Pending litigation.** Nothing in this act shall in any
 2 manner affect any pending litigation.

1 **SEC. 4. Publication clause.** This act being deemed of immediate
 2 importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publi-
 3 cation in the New Hampton Gazette, a newspaper published in New
 4 Hampton, Iowa, and the Des Moines Register, a newspaper published
 5 in Des Moines, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved March 7, A. D. 1917.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Register
 March 15, 1917, and in the New Hampton Gazette March 21, 1917.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 36.

SOLEMNIZING MARRIAGES.

H. F. 135.

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in section three thousand one hundred forty-five
 (3145), of the code, relating to solemnizing marriages, and to provide for the solemn-
 ization thereof, by a judge of the municipal court.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Who may solemnize marriages.** That section
 2 thirty-one hundred and forty-five (3145), of the code be, and the same
 3 is hereby amended by striking out sub-division two of said section and
 4 inserting the following in lieu thereof:

5 "2. By some judge of the supreme, district, superior or municipal
 6 court of the state."

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