

1 SEC. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall be
 2 in full force and effect from and after its publication in The Record-
 3 Republican, a newspaper published at Bonaparte, Iowa, and in the
 4 Van Buren County Register, a newspaper published in Keosauqua,
 5 Iowa.

Approved April 17, 1957.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 548, was published in the Van Buren County Register, Keosauqua, Iowa, April 25, 1957, and in The Record-Republican, Bonaparte, Iowa, April 30, 1957.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 281

DECATUR COUNTY LEGALIZING ACT

H. F. 273

AN ACT to legalize a contract for sale and authorizing a patent to issue to the northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$), section nineteen (19), Township sixty-nine North (69N), Range twenty-five (25), West of the Fifth P.M., in Decatur County, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa for the use and benefit of the school fund acquired title to the following described lands: The Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section Nineteen (19), Township Sixty-ninth North (69N), Range Twenty-five (25), West of the Fifth P.M., in Decatur County, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the state of Iowa, for the use and benefit of the school fund, acquired the above-described premises by a warranty deed executed by George R. Baker and Lily J. Baker, dated August 7, 1933, given in satisfaction, dated August 7, 1933, of a school-fund mortgage executed by George R. Baker and Lily J. Baker, on April 13, 1920; and

WHEREAS, it appears that a contract of sale of the foregoing described premises was executed by the county auditor of Decatur County, Iowa, April 10, 1947, to W. P. Umpress and Madge Umpress; and

WHEREAS, it does not appear of record that the county auditor or county board of supervisors of Decatur County complied with the provisions of the law governing the sale of school lands in contracting to sell the aforesaid described property to the said W. P. Umpress and Madge Umpress in that there is no showing of record that:

(a) The county board of supervisors of Decatur County passed a resolution providing for the sale of said property and directing and authorizing the trustees of the township to appraise the value of said property.

(b) The trustees of the township certified to the said county board of supervisors their appraisal thereof finding and fixing the value of said property and action of the board thereon.

(c) The county auditor posted notice and advertised said property for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder therefor as provided by statute.

(d) The county auditor exposed, offered for sale and struck off the said property to the highest and best bidder therefor; and

WHEREAS, the said W. P. Umpress and Madge Umpress, their assigns or grantees, have been in open, actual, notorious and adverse possession of said lands at all times since the execution of the contract for sale on the 10th day of April, 1947; and

WHEREAS, the state of Iowa has no claims upon said property adverse to those of the said W. P. Umpress and Madge Umpress, their assigns or grantees, and it appears that the said W. P. Umpress and Madge Umpress, their assigns or grantees, are entitled to a patent conveying the foregoing described property to them, their assigns or grantees, upon payment of all sums due or to become due under the contract for sale; now therefore,

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. The contract for sale executed by the county auditor
2 of Decatur County, Iowa, to W. P. Umpress and Madge Umpress on
3 the 10th day of April, 1947, for the sale of the following described
4 property, to wit: Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Northeast
5 Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section Nineteen (19), Township Sixty-nine North
6 (69N), Range Twenty-five (25), West of the Fifth P.M., in Decatur
7 County, Iowa, is hereby legalized, validated and confirmed.

1 SEC. 2. The auditor of Decatur County, Iowa, is hereby authorized,
2 empowered and directed to issue a certificate of purchase, which cer-
3 tificate shall contain reference to this Act, to W. P. Umpress and
4 Madge Umpress, their heirs, grantees or assigns, for the following
5 described property, to wit: Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the North-
6 east Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section Nineteen (19), Township Sixty-nine
7 North (69N), Range Twenty-five (25), West of the Fifth P.M., in
8 Decatur County, Iowa, upon payment of all sums due or to become due
9 upon the contract for sale of said property, and when the same has
10 been transmitted to the secretary of state, the governor and the sec-
11 retary of state of Iowa are hereby authorized, empowered and directed
12 to issue a patent to the said W. P. Umpress and Madge Umpress, their
13 heirs, grantees or assigns, for the use and benefit of the successive
14 owners of said land.

Approved April 26, 1957.

CHAPTER 282

STORY COUNTY LAND PATENT

H. F. 420

AN ACT to legalize the purchase of certain land in Story county, Iowa, by the state board of regents and its transfer to the United States of America and to validate and confirm the execution of a patent therefor.

WHEREAS, by resolution the state board of regents on the 27th day of July, 1956, deeming the acquisition a proper use, directed the purchase by contract for the sum of eighty-six thousand five hundred and seventy dollars (\$86,570.00) from M. D. Textrum and Janice Textrum, husband and wife, and L. C. Textrum and Ena Textrum, husband and wife, for the use and benefit of the state college of agriculture and mechanic arts the following described land: