

MR. PERRIN, from the Committee on Schools, submitted the following report:

MR. SPEAKER :

Your Committee on Schools, to whom was referred house file No. 498, a bill for an act to provide the mode by which subdistricts of any township district may become independent districts, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

PERRIN, *Chairman.*

Ordered passed on file.

HOUSE FILE NO. 498.]

[BY DUNGAN.

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE THE MODE BY WHICH SUBDISTRICTS OF ANY DISTRICT  
TOWNSHIP MAY BECOME INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the subdistricts  
2 of any district township may be constituted separate and independent districts in the manner  
3 hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. At the written request of one-third of the legal voters residing in any district  
2 township, the board of directors shall call a meeting of the qualified electors of the district  
3 township, at the usual place of holding the annual meeting of such district township, by giv-  
4 ing at least ten days' notice thereof by posting three written notices in each subdistrict in  
5 the township, and by publication in a newspaper, if one be published in the township, at  
6 which meeting the said electors shall vote by ballot for or against a separate organization.

SEC. 3. Should a majority of the votes be cast in favor of such separate organization, the  
2 board of directors shall call a meeting in each subdistrict in the township of all the qualified  
3 electors thereof, by giving at least ten days' previous notice of the time and place of such  
4 meeting, by posting three written notices in each subdistrict in the township, and by publica-  
5 tion in a newspaper, if one be published in the subdistrict, for the purpose of electing three  
6 directors, who shall hold their offices one, two and three years respectively, the length of

7 their respective terms to be determined by lot, and one director shall be chosen annually  
8 thereafter, who shall hold his office for three years.

SEC. 4. At the meetings of the electors of each subdistrict, as provided in the last section,  
2 they shall also determine by ballot the name to be given to their district, and each district,  
3 when so organized, shall be a body corporate, and the name so chosen shall be its corporate  
4 name. The board of directors of any district organized under the provisions of this act may  
5 change its name if any other district in the township shall have chosen the same name.

SEC. 5. Districts organized under the provisions of this act shall be governed and treated  
2 in every respect as provided by the law creating independent districts.

SEC. 6. When any district township is divided into independent districts under the pro-  
2 visions of this act, then the old board of directors of the district township shall make such a  
3 division of the assets and liabilities of such district township as is provided by section 1715 of  
4 the Code.

SEC. 7. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force  
2 from and after its publication in the *Daily State Register* and *State Journal*, newspapers pub-  
3 lished in Des Moines, Iowa.