

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER NINE, OF TITLE 12, OF THE CODE OF 1873, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF SUB-DISTRICTORS AND THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS NOW TRANSACTED AT THE DISTRICT TOWNSHIP MEETING AT THE SAME TIME; ALSO DEFINING THE DUTIES OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND TREASURER IN KEEPING THEIR ACCOUNTS WITH THE SEVERAL DISTRICT TOWNSHIPS AND INDEPENDENT DISTRICTS.

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

SECTION 1. That Sections 1717, 1718, 1719 and 1763 be repealed. Section 1717½ be amended and become section 1720 of the Code that section 1741 and 1785 be amended and that sections 2, 3, 4 and 6 of this act be enacted as sections 1717, 1718, 1719 and 1763 of the Code.

SEC. 2. 1717. The officers of a district township shall be a board of not less than three directors who shall hold their office for a term of three years each and the directors elected in the year 1886 shall at their September meeting determine by lot who shall hold for one year, who for two and who for three years. The number of directors shall correspond to the number of sub-districts in the district township and shall be elected in district townships containing but one district by the vote of the electors of said township. In district townships divided into two sub-districts then one director shall be elected by the electors of the township at large and one by the electors of the respective sub-districts, and in townships divided into three or more sub-districts then the electors of each sub-district shall elect a sub-director as provided in the next section.

SECTION 3. 1818. A meeting of the qualified electors of the district township shall be held on the second Monday in March of each year for the purpose of filling all vacancies in the board of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before such meeting. The electors when assembled shall appoint a chairman and secretary in the absence of the president and secretary of the district township who shall act as judges of the election and give certificates of election to those elected. Each elector voting shall vote for a resident of the sub-district of his residence and for no other excepting in district townships where there are less than three sub-districts then he shall vote for a resident of the district of his residence and for as many at large as shall be necessary to complete the number necessary to form a board of three directors. No person shall be disqualified by reason of sex from holding the office of school director. The votes in districts shall be decided on the day of election by the secretary casting lots in the usual manner. No school meeting shall open the polls before 9 A. M. or close before 12 M. unless a majority

14 of the electors of the district township are present and so determine. The electors at their
15 annual meeting in March shall also have power to transact the following business :

SEC. 4. 1719. To direct the sale or other disposition to be made of any school house
2 or the site thereof, and of such other property, personal or real, as may belong to the dis-
3 trict ; to direct the manner in which the proceeds arising therefrom shall be applied ; to
4 determine what additional branches shall be taught in the schools of the district ; to instruct
5 the board of directors to transfer any surplus in the school house fund not appropriated to
6 either the contingent or teachers fund, or to delegate any of these powers to the board of
7 directors. 2 To vote such tax, not exceeding, ten mills on the dollar in any one year, on
8 the taxable property of the district township, as the meeting shall deem sufficient for the
9 purchase of grounds and the construction of the necessary school houses for the use of the
10 district, and for the payment of any debts contracted for the erection of school houses, and
11 for procuring district libraries.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted that Section 1717½ of Chapter 9, Title 12 of the Code be
2 amended as follows and when so amended to be Section 1720 of the Code :

3 Sec. 1720. Amend by striking out all of paragraph 2 after the word "section" in the
4 second line thereof and inserting the following: Seventeen hundred and nineteen
5 hereof excepting those powers which are set forth in paragraph one after the "applied"
6 in the fourth line thereof and in paragraph two after the word "district" in.....line
7 thereof.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted that Section 1763 be and the same is hereby repealed and
2 the following enacted in lieu thereof :

3 Sec. 1763. There shall be given instructions in every common school of the State
4 upon the effects of alcohol and other stimulants and tobacco and other narcotics upon
5 the system.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted that Section 1785 be amended by striking out the words
2 "for each fund" in the third line thereof, and that there be added to said section the fol-
3 lowing- County treasurers and county auditors shall not be required to keep separate
4 accounts with the school house, contingent and teachers funds of a district township or
5 independent district, but these shall be consolidated in each district, township and inde-
6 pendent district, and be known as the district school tax of the district, *provided* that those
7 taxes are uniform in levy over the property of the district.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted that Section 1741 be amended by adding thereto: It shall
2 also be his duty to apportion the amount of school district tax collected by the county
3 treasurer as often as the same is received by the district treasurer to the several funds for
4 which it was levied and shall notify the district treasurer of the amount of school house
5 contingent and teachers' funds so received and apportioned as often as the same is
6 received.