

A BILL

FOR THE AMENDMENT OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE SCHOOL LAWS OF 1884.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1725, School Laws of 1884, be so amended as to incorporate the following: *Provided further*, that whenever it is more economical, or seems best to them so to do, the board may close the school in any sub-district, or may consolidate the schools in any two or more of the sub-districts; and for those children and pupils who by such act or order of the board of directors, are compelled to travel one mile or more to reach the school or the schools kept open, the board of directors shall provide conveyance to and from school, or the schools, and shall pay all expenses thus incurred out of the contingent fund.

SEC. 2. That section 1726, School Laws of 1884, be made to read as follows: The school board of any district township may, whenever it is more economical, or the good of the schools seems to demand it, consolidate the sub-districts, close such schools, and establish, as may be necessary, one or more graded or union schools; and for all children or pupils who, by such act or order of the board, are compelled to travel one mile or more to reach the nearest school or schools kept open, the board of directors shall provide conveyance to and from school, and shall pay all such expenses out of the contingent fund.

SEC. 3. Whenever such consolidations as herein contemplated are made, the sub-district boundaries within the district township shall remain as representative districts, from each of which a member of the school board shall be elected, as the law now provides, or may provide. The boundaries of such representative districts may be changed from time to time as the board may deem best to secure a fair representation.

SEC. 4. The school board of any independent district which now supports two or more separate schools, may, when it is more economical, or demanded by the best interests of the schools, consolidate the schools; but if, in any such consolidation, children or pupils are compelled to travel one mile or more to reach the nearest school or schools kept open, the board of directors shall provide for the conveyance of such children and pupils to and from school, and shall pay all such expenses out of the contingent fund.

SEC. 5. That, whenever independent districts have been united or shall unite, as provided for in section 1811, School Laws of 1884, the board of directors may establish one or more graded or union schools; and that whenever this act or order of the board is carried into effect, for all children and pupils who are thus compelled to travel one mile or more to

5 reach the nearest school kept open, the board shall provide conveyance to and from school,
6 and shall pay the expense of such conveyance out of the contingent fund.

SEC. 6. For the protection of the teams of guardians and parents who live one mile or
2 more from the grounds of such graded or union schools, and who shall take, or cause to be
3 taken, their wards and children to and from school without charge or expense to the dis-
4 trict, or districts, the board, or boards of school directors may erect comfortable sheds or
5 stables on their school grounds, and pay all expenses thus incurred out of the contingent
6 fund.

SEC. 7. All sections and parts of sections of the school law now in force, and in conflict
2 with the provisions above and herein made, are by this act repealed and rendered of non-
3 effect.