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Judiciary No. 2.

House File 487
By MARTIN.

Passed House, Date
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act authorizing a patent to issue to the southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of section nine (9), township seventy-one (71) north, range eighteen (18), west of the fifth (5th) principal meridian, Monroe county, Iowa.

Whereas, it appears that on September 4, 1841, under Act of congress, the United States of America granted to the state of Iowa the following described land, to wit: The southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of section nine (9), township seventy-one (71) north, range eighteen (18), west of the fifth (5th) principal meridian, Monroe county, Iowa, and

Whereas, it further appears that the school fund sold the foregoing described premises to John W. Clark on the second (2nd) day of July, 1941, and

Whereas, it appears that the above described property has since that time been sold through a chain of title since the aforementioned sale to John W. Clark, and

Whereas, it appears that no certificate of purchase or patent for said land has ever been issued to the said John W. Clark, or to any other person, and

Whereas, it appears that the state of Iowa claims no ownership in the foregoing described land although the apparent legal title thereto still remains in the state of Iowa, and

Whereas, the present owners of the above described premises now in possession of said land, together with the previous grantor and grantee, has been in open, actual, notorious and adverse possession of said land, and

Whereas, the records of the county auditor of Monroe county, Iowa, are insufficient to issue a certificate of purchase as required by law for the hereinbefore described property;

Now, therefore,

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

1 Section 1. That the governor and the secretary of the
2 state of Iowa are hereby authorized, empowered and directed
3 to issue a patent to John W. Clark, conveying the southeast
4 quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of section
5 nine (9), township seventy-one (71) north, range eighteen
6 (18), west of the fifth (5th) principal meridian, Monroe
7 county, Iowa, for the use and benefit of the successive
8 owners of said land.

1 Sec. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance
2 shall be in full force and effect from and after its
3 publication in the, a newspaper
4 published at, Iowa, and in the
5, a newspaper published at,
6 Iowa, said publication to be without expense to the state.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 487

This bill is to legalize title on former school land.