

April 17, 1951.  
Sifting Committee.

**House File 636**  
By JUDICIARY 2.

Passed House, Date .....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Passed Senate, Date .....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved .....

## A BILL FOR

An Act authorizing patent to issue to the west half (W $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section sixteen (16) in township eighty-four (84) north, range three (3) east of the fifth (5th) principal meridian, lying south of the Maquoketa river in Jackson county, Iowa.

WHEREAS, it appears that prior to April 14, 1853, the United States of America granted to the state of Iowa the following described land, to-wit:

The west half (W $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section sixteen (16) in township eighty-four (84) north, range three (3) east of the fifth (5th) principal meridian, lying south of the Maquoketa river in Jackson county, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, it further appears that the school fund sold the foregoing premises to George D. Lyon and Otto V. Schrader prior to April 14, 1853; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the above described property or portions thereof have since that time been sold or resold through a chain of title since the aforementioned sale to George D. Lyon and Otto V. Schrader; and

WHEREAS, it appears that no certificate of purchase or patent for said land has ever been issued to any 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 owner and owners of the above described premises or portions thereof now in possession of said land, together with the several previous grantors and

grantees, has been in open, actual, notorious and adverse possession of said land and the parts thereof for more than seventy-five (75) years last past; now, therefore,

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

1 Section 1. That the governor and the secretary of state  
2 of the state of Iowa are hereby authorized, empowered and  
3 directed to issue a patent to George D. Lyon and Otto V.  
4 Schrader, conveying the west half (W $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the southwest  
5 quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section sixteen (16) in township eighty-  
6 four (84) north range three (3) east of the fifth (5th)  
7 principal meridian lying south of the Maquoketa river in  
8 Jackson County, Iowa, for the use and benefit of the successive  
9 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 publication  
3 in the ....., a newspaper published  
4 at ....., Iowa, and in the .....,  
5 a newspaper published at ....., Iowa, said publication  
6 to be without expense to the state.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 636

The purpose of this bill is to legalize title on former school lands.