

made, under and by virtue of said contract, and the ratification thereof by the people, be and hereby are made legal, valid, and binding on all parties thereto, in all respects, and to all intents and purposes, and that the records, contracts, and other evidences are receivable in evidence in any court of law or chancery in this State or the United States, any illegality or informality in the making of said contract, calling or holding of said election, and submission of said contract to the people thereof for ratification, to the contrary notwithstanding; and any and all such illegalities or informalities are hereby legalized; and said contract and the proceeding thereunder, are hereby made valid and binding according to their true intent and meaning: *provided*, that nothing in this act contained shall in any wise affect the legal or equitable rights of third persons, if any such there be, who may have acquired any right or interest in said lands before the same were granted, or attempted to be granted and ceded, to said McGregor and Sioux City Railroad[way] Company.

SECTION 2. This act, being deemed by the General Assembly of immediate importance, shall take effect, and be in force, from and after its publication in the Weekly State Register, and Iowa Statesman, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa, without expense to the State. Taking effect.

Approved, February 9, 1870.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Weekly State Register*, February 2, and in the *Iowa Statesman*, February 12, 1870.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State*.

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## CHAPTER 11.

### LEGALIZING SALES OF LANDS AND SCRIP BY CERTAIN COUNTIES.

AN ACT to Legalize the Sale of Indemnity Swamp Lands and FEBRUARY 9.  
Scrip in certain Counties.

WHEREAS, The counties of Allamakee, Fayette, Chickasaw, and Washington have heretofore sold and conveyed all lands patented to said counties as indemnity for swamp lands, or the scrip entitling said counties to such indemnity lands; and, Preamble.

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen whether the laws providing for the sale of such lands or scrip were in all respects strictly complied with ; therefore,

Sale of indemnity lands and scrip legalized.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the sale of the said indemnity lands or scrip by each of the said counties of Allamakee, Fayette, Chickasaw, and Washington, and all conveyances of the same to the purchasers, be held as legal and binding as if all the proceedings for the sale and conveyance of said lands or scrip had been in strict compliance with law.

Taking effect.

SEC. 2. This act, being deemed by the General Assembly of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the *Daily State Register* and *Evening Statesman*, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved, February 9th, 1870.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in *The Statesman* February 12, 1870, and in the *Daily State Register* February 17, 1870.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 12.

### POLICE JUDGES IN CITIES UNDER SPECIAL CHARTERS.

FEBRUARY 9. AN ACT to Provide for the Election of a Police Judge, and the Establishment of a Police Court, in Cities acting under Special Charters.

Cities under special charters may elect police judges.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the legal voters of any city in the State of Iowa, now acting under the provisions of special charters heretofore granted, may at their next annual election, and every two years thereafter, at the time of electing the municipal officers of such corporation, elect a suitable person to be known as Police Judge, who shall qualify and give bond in like manner as justices of the peace are required to do.

Term, etc.

Powers of police judge.

SEC. 2. That whenever any such city shall have elected a police judge, as aforesaid, all the powers, jurisdiction, duties, fees, and emoluments, of said judge and his court shall be the same as are now provided by sections 1117,