

may apply the use, profits, proceeds, interest, and rents accruing therefrom in such manner as will best promote the prosperity and utility of such library.

Authority of council.

SEC. 5. Every city or incorporated town, in which such a public library shall be established and maintained under the provisions of this act, shall be entitled to receive a copy of the laws, journals, and all other works published by authority of the State, after the establishment of such library, for the use of such library, and the Secretary of State is hereby authorized and required to furnish the same from year to year to such city or incorporated town.

Libraries to receive copies of public documents.

Secretary of State to furnish same.

SEC. 6. Any city or incorporated town of this State, proposing to accept the benefits of this act, shall, before exercising the powers herein conferred, submit to a vote of the people at any municipal election of such city or incorporated town, the question, "Shall the city or town council (as the case may be) accept the benefit of an act of the legislature for the creation and maintenance of a free public library? Yes—No."

Vote of the people.

SEC. 7. So much of chapter forty-five, of the acts of the Thirteenth General Assembly as conflicts with this act, is hereby repealed.

Repeal, 1870; ch. 45.

SEC. 8. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Daily State Register and State Leader, newspapers published in Des Moines.

In force, when.

Approved, March 20th, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily State Leader*, March 22, and the *Daily Iowa State Register*, March 26, 1872.

ED WRIGHT, *Secretary of State*.

ALLOWING TOWNSHIPS TO ADOPT THE HERD LAW.

AN ACT to Enable Civil Townships to adopt the Provisions of MARCH 20, Chapter 26, of the Laws of the Thirteenth General Assembly, entitled "An Act to restrain Stock from running at Large."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly* Townships may adopt act restraining stock. *of the State of Iowa*, That it shall be lawful for any civil township to adopt the provisions of chapter 26 of

1870: ch. 26. the laws of the Thirteenth General Assembly, entitled "An act to restrain stock from running at large," in the manner hereinafter provided.

Question upon adoption may be submitted to people at general election.

Notice.

SEC. 2. When a petition shall be presented to the trustees of any township, signed by one-third of the legal voters of such township, asking the question of the adoption of the provisions of said act to be submitted to the legal voters thereof, at the next general election, it shall be the duty of the trustees to publish a notice of the submission of said question, at least four weeks before said election, in some newspaper published in the county, if any be published therein, and also by posting a copy of such notice in five public places in said township.

Form of ballots.

Effect of affirmative vote.

Notice.

SEC. 3. There shall be written or printed on the ballots the same sentences required by section eight of said act; and, if a majority of all the votes cast for and against the proposition in the township be for said act, the provisions thereof shall take effect and be in force ninety days after the election. Notice of the result of said election shall be posted by the township clerk in five public places in the township within ten days thereafter.

Approved, March 20th, 1872.

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CHAPTER XIX.

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CITY, TOWN, AND COUNTY DEBTS.

MARCH 25. AN ACT to Enable Cities, Towns, and Counties to settle, adjust, and compound their Indebtedness, and to provide for the Payment of the same.

Cities, towns, and counties authorized to adjust their indebtedness, and to issue new securities.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That cities, towns, and counties are hereby authorized to settle, adjust, compound, extend, or renew debts, owing by or claimed against them, evidenced by the bonds or other negotiable promissory instruments of such corporations, and to issue new securities for such debts.

Same authorized to levy the necessary taxes.

SEC. 2. Said corporations are hereby authorized, whenever any extension or renewal of said indebtedness is made, to provide by the levy and collection of annual taxes, at the same time and in the same manner as for the