SEC. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall Publication. be in force from and after its publication in the State Register, and Decatur County Journal, newspapers published at Des Moines, and Leon, Iowa, provided such publication shall be without expense to the state.

Approved, February 20, 1878.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register, February 23, and in the Decatur County Journal, February 28, 1878.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, Secretary of State.

## CHAPTER 12.

### TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES.

AN ACT to Amend Section 591, Title 5, Chapter 1, of the Code, rela- s. F. 68. ting to Terms of Office of Township Trustees. Code, 25

Code, § 591 amended.

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

SECTION 1. That there shall be three trustees elected in each term of office. township, who shall hold their office for the term of three years, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. At the general election in 1878 there shall be elected same. in each township of the state, three trustees, one of whom shall hold his office for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, their respective terms to be determined by lot by the board of canvassers of said township; and annually thereafter there shall be one trustee elected, who shall continue in office for three years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the pro-Repealing clause. visions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 20, 1878.

# CHAPTER 13.

## LEGALIZING SPECIAL TERMS OF COURT.

AN ACT to Legalize certain Orders for Special Terms of Court and the S. F. 214. Proceedings therein.

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

SECTION 1. That all orders heretofore entered at a regular Orders for.

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term of any district or circuit court within the state, providing for and ordering a special term of said court, for the trial of causes pending in said court at said regular term, are hereby legalized and made valid; and the holding of any special term

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And proceed fore entered as aforesaid, is hereby legalized and authorized, and all proceedings at said special term shall be, and are hereby made as valid and binding as though the same were made and had at a regular term of said court.

that has been or may hereafter be held under said order hereto-

Publication.

This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall SEC. 2. take effect and be in force from and after the date upon which publication thereof is made in the Iowa State Register, and Iowa State Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa, the provisions of section thirty three of the Code to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, February 23, 1878.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Leader, February 23, and in the Iowa State Register, February 24, 1878.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, Secretary of State,

# CHAPTER 14.

ELECTION OF ALDERMEN IN CITIES OF FIRST AND SECOND CLASS.

S. F. 40.

AN ACT to Amend Section 521 of the Code, 'fitle 4, Chapter 10, of Cities and Incorporated Towns.

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

SECTION 1. That section 521 of the Code is hereby repealed, Code, 3 521 re- and there is enacted in lieu thereof the following:

SEC. 521. In cities of the second class the qualified electors of each ward shall, on the first Monday of March of each year, elect by a plurality of votes one member of the city council, who shall at the time be a resident of the ward and a qualified elector therein. His term of office shall be two years. So that there may always be in the council two members from the same ward whose term of office shall expire in different years; but at the first election held on the organization of a new city government under this chapter, two members of the city council shall be elected in each ward, and the city council shall determine by lot their term of service, so that one trustee from each ward may cities serve for two years, and one for one year. In cities of the firstclass, the qualified electors of each ward shall, on the first Monday of March of the year 1878, and each second year thereafter, elect, by a plurality of votes, one member of the city council, who shall at the time be a resident of the ward and a qualified

pealed.

Election of councilmen: cities of second class.

Same: of first class.