

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 that has been or may hereafter be held under said order heretofore 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.

Holding of,

And proceedings at, legalized.

Publication.

SEC. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall 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, Title 4, Chapter 10, of Cities and Incorporated Towns.

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

Code, § 521 repealed.

Election of councilmen: cities of second class.

Same: cities of first class.

SECTION 1. That section 521 of the Code is hereby repealed, and there is enacted in lieu thereof the following: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 serve for two years, and one for one year. In cities of the first class, 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

elector thereof. And in each of the same years the qualified electors of cities of this class shall also elect two members at large of such city council, each of whom shall be a resident and qualified elector of the city in which he shall be so elected. The members of said council shall hold their offices for two years and until their successors are elected and qualified. As soon as the members of the city council of cities of the first-class, elected at the first election after the passage of this act, shall have been qualified, the term of office of all members whose terms would not otherwise expire until the first Monday in March, 1879, shall at once cease and determine.

Councilmen
at large.

SEC. 2. *Provided*, That when any city of the first class numbers within its corporate limits the whole or parts of two or more different townships, that only one of the aldermen-at-large herein provided for shall be elected from any one of such township[s] or part of townships.

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township.

SEC. 3. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, and Iowa State Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa, section 33 [of the Code] to the contrary notwithstanding.

Publication.

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 15.

TOWN OF OSSIAN.

AN ACT to Legalize the Incorporation of the Town of Ossian, in Winneshiek county, Iowa, its Ordinances, and the Acts of its Officers thereunder. H. F. 185.

WHEREAS, Under and by virtue of chapter 10, title 4, of the Code of Iowa of 1873, proceedings were had for the incorporation of the town of Ossian; and

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of said incorporation, and it is pretended full compliance with the statute providing for the incorporation of towns was not had, and especially claiming that the application to the circuit court was not made as required by law; that the election for the incorporation was not properly noticed and held; that the commissioners did not make returns, and that no publication was made, and the certified copies so required by section 423 of said chapter 10 were not filed and recorded as required by law; and

WHEREAS, The council of the said town of Ossian did make and adopt laws, rules, and ordinances for the government of said