

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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ing more
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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

town, and have performed such other duties devolving upon them, including the levy of taxes, as authorized by law; therefore,
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Incorporation legalized.

SECTION 1. That the incorporation of the said town of Ossian, be, and the same is hereby legalized as fully and completely as if all the requirements of the Code of Iowa, 1873, relating to the incorporation of towns had been strictly complied with.

Ordinances and acts legalized.

SEC. 2. That all ordinances passed and the rules and regulations adopted by the council of said town, and all taxes levied, and all the official acts of said council and officers thereunder within the legal limits of the powers of incorporated towns, be, and the same are hereby legalized as fully and completely as if no such defects in the incorporation of said town existed.

Publication.

SEC. 3. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, a paper published at Des Moines, and in the Decorah Republican, a paper published at Decorah, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved, February 23, 1878.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Register*, February 26, and in the *Decorah Republican*, March 1, 1878.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 16.

INDEPENDENT DISTRICT NO. 7, CHICKASAW COUNTY.

H. F. 170.

AN ACT to Legalize Independent District Number Seven, of Dayton Township, in Chickasaw county, Iowa.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, Independent district number seven, of Dayton township, Chickasaw county, Iowa, composed of sections twenty-seven, twenty-eight, thirty-three and thirty-four, of township ninety-five north, of range thirteen west of the 5th P. M., was duly formed from the territory aforesaid. Said territory having been set off from adjacent independent districts for the purpose of being formed into said district number seven, all the laws of the State in relation to the forming of such independent district having been fully complied with; and

WHEREAS, On the tenth of April, 1877, the electors of said independent district held their first election upon notice duly given, at which election officers for said district were elected in accordance with requirements of law; and

WHEREAS, Said officers have been duly qualified and performed all the duties of their respective offices; and

WHEREAS, Said independent district is exercising all the functions and powers of independent districts in the State; but