

resolutions, rules, ordinances, and performed such other duties and acts as by law such officers are empowered to do ; and,

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of such incorporation and the official acts of the council and officers of the same ; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the incorporation of said town of Stuart, be, and the same is hereby legalized, and all the ordinances passed and the rules and resolutions adopted by the council of said town, and all the official acts of the officers thereunder, be, and the same are hereby declared to be legal and valid, in every respect the same as though said town had been legally incorporated. Incorporation and acts of officers thereunder legalized.

SEC. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, published in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Stuart Locomotive, published at Stuart, Iowa, without expense to the state. Publication.

Approved, March 12, 1878.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Stuart Locomotive*, March 19, and in the *Iowa State Register*, April 7, 1878.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 32.

ELECTION IN VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, KEOKUK COUNTY.

AN ACT to Legalize an Election held for the purpose of Re-districting the Township of Van Buren, in Keokuk county, Iowa, and to Legalize the Independent Districts created in pursuance of the Vote at said Election. H. F. 318.

WHEREAS, At the election held in Van Buren township, Keokuk county, Iowa, on the eighth day of November, 1875, for the purpose of changing and defining the boundaries of the several independent districts of the same; and, Preamble.

WHEREAS, Said township of Van Buren was re-districted in pursuance of said election, by forming nine instead of ten independent districts, and by restoring to German township, that portion formerly attached to Van Buren township for school purposes; and,

WHEREAS, Doubts exist as to the legality of said election, and the changes made in pursuance thereof; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That said election be legalized, and that the boundaries of said independent districts be, and the same are hereby confirmed and established, as made by the township trustees. Election legalized.

tees of said township, in pursuance of said election, and that that portion of German township formerly attached to Van Buren township for school purposes be, and the same is hereby restored to the township where it geographically belongs.

Publication. SEC. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect immediately after its publication in the Iowa State Register, a newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and the Sigourney Review, published at Sigourney, Iowa, said publication to be without costs to the state.

Approved, March 12, 1878.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register, March, 26, and in the Sigourney Review, April 3, 1878.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 33.

ESTATES OF DECEASED PATENTEES.

H. F. 160. AN ACT to Vest Title in the Heirs, Devisees or Assignees of deceased Patentees, Additional to Code, Title 16, "Of the Estates of Dece-
dents."

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

SECTION 1. That where patents have been, or may be issued in pursuance of any law of the State of Iowa, to a person who had died, or who hereafter dies before the date of such patent, the title to the land designated therein shall inure to, and become vested in the heirs, devisees or assignees of such deceased patentee, as if the patent had issued to the deceased person during life.

If patentee dies pending the issuance of patent to lands. Title shall vest in heirs, &c.

Approved, March 12, 1878.

CHAPTER 34.

TOWN OF EMMETSBURG.

H. F. 505. AN ACT to Legalize the Incorporation of the Town of Emmetsburg in Palo Alto county, Iowa, the Election of its Officers and the Acts done and Ordinances passed by the Council of said Town.

Preamble. WHEREAS, The circuit court within and for Palo Alto county, Iowa, did at the August, 1877, term thereof, appoint commissioners to call an election of the legal voters of the town of Em-