

CHAPTER 16.

INCORPORATION OF TOWN OF RUTHVEN LEGALIZED.

H. F. 90. AN ACT to Legalize the Incorporation of the Town of Ruthven, Palo Alto County, Iowa, the Election of Its Officers and the Acts Done and Ordinances Passed by the Council of said Town.

Preamble. WHEREAS, On the 18th day of March 1885 the town of Ruthven, Palo Alto county, Iowa, had been duly incorporated, in accordance with the requirements, of chapter ten, title IV of the Code of Iowa, except that no certified copy, of the papers and record entries, relating to the incorporation of the said town had been filed in the recorders office of said county, or in the office of the Secretary of State.

Articles of incorporation not filed.

WHEREAS, On the 29th day of May, 1885, said certified copy of papers and record entries were filed in the office of the recorder of Palo Alto county, and in the office of the Secretary of State;

WHEREAS, Between the dates aforesaid, said town elected its officers, passed ordinances, and did other acts pertaining to the organization and government of incorporated towns, under the belief that said town had been duly incorporated.

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of said incorporation, the election of its officers, and the acts done by them, and the ordinances passed by the council of said town therefore,

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

Legalized. SECTION 1. That the incorporation of the town of Ruthven, Palo Alto county, Iowa, the election of its officers and all acts done by them and all ordinances passed by the council of said town, be and the same are hereby legalized, made valid and to have the same effect as though the law relating to the incorporation of said town, not in contravention of the laws of the State, and within the lawful limits of the powers of incorporated towns, the election, and qualification of its officers, the acts done by them, and the acts done and ordinances passed by its council had been fully and strictly complied with.

Publication. 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, and Ruthven Free Press, newspapers published in the State of Iowa, and the last named in the incorporated town of Ruthven, without expense to the State.

Approved February 26th, 1886.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Ruthven Free Press* March 6, and the *Iowa State Register* March 12, 1886.

FRANK D. JACKSON, *Secretary of State.*