

Freeborn Co., Minn., was incorporated on the 13th day of December, 1876; and,

WHEREAS, The said articles of incorporation were executed before a justice of the peace, in and for Worth county, Ia., who had no experience pertaining to the execution of such articles; and,

Inexperienced  
justice of the  
peace.

WHEREAS, The said justice of the peace did erroneously cause the original incorporators to execute the said articles of incorporation by causing them to sign their names in the caption thereof, which had been left in blank for the insertion of the names of the incorporators by the party before whom the instrument was to be executed, instead of causing said incorporators to sign their respective names at the terminal thereof; and,

Error regard-  
ing signatures.

WHEREAS, Doubts exist as to whether such incorporation is legal, the original articles being erroneously signed as herein before stated; therefore,

Doubts as to  
legality.

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

SECTION 1. That the original articles of incorporation of the Associated Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Worth county, Iowa, and in the southern part of Freeborn county, Minnesota, are hereby declared to be legal, both in law and in equity, the same as though all forms and usages of the law had been fully complied with at the time of the supposed execution of said articles.

Articles  
legalized.

Approved March 23, 1894.

## CHAPTER 169.

AN ACT to legalize certain conveyances made to the Congregational Society of Iowa City and acts done by it before its incorporation. H. F. 643.

WHEREAS, The Congregational Society of Iowa City was organized on the 20th day of July, 1866, but through some oversight on the part of its officers and members was not incorporated until March 29th, 1894, and,

Not incorpora-  
ted at organi-  
zation.

WHEREAS, Between the dates of such organization and incorporation certain conveyances were made to said Congregational Society, to-wit: On May 27, 1867 by James B. Berryhill and wife, and on September 11th, 1867 by Marha Reno, of portions of Lot Three (3), Block Seventy-nine (79), and on March 31, 1891, by Mary A. Ham, widow, and William A. Ham and others, heirs of Daniel Ham, deceased, of Lot One (1) Block Seventy-nine (79), both being in the original plat of Iowa City, Iowa, said conveyance being made by said grantors and accepted by said Society in the belief that it was duly incorporated and authorized to take and hold real property; and certain acts and contracts were made and done by it in such belief, and,

Conveyance  
made while not  
incorporated.

WHEREAS, The two lots above described still belong to said

Property still held.

Society and are occupied by it for church and parsonage purposes, therefore:

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

Conveyances legalized.

SECTION 1. That the conveyances described in the preamble of this act be and the same are hereby legalized, and declared as legal and binding and of the same effect as though said society had been duly incorporated at the time such conveyances were made; and that the title to such property is hereby vested and confirmed in said corporation, and that all acts and contracts of the said Society shall be and remain binding on said corporation and of the same effect as though done, made and executed by it.

Publication clause.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the *Des Moines News*, a newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and in the *Citizen*, a newspaper published at Iowa City, Iowa, such publication being without expense to the State.

Approved April 10, 1894.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Des Moines News* May 11, and in the *Citizen* April 13, 1894.

W. M. MCFARLAND, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 170.

S. F. 310.

AN ACT to legalize the assessment and collection of taxes under the provisions of chapter one of the acts of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly.

Taxes collected under ch. 1, 24 G. A.

WHEREAS, After the passage of chapter one (1) of the acts of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly taxes have been assessed and collected in the city of Des Moines, and under and in accordance with the provisions of section three (3) of said chapter, and,

Bonds could not issue while city was indebted 5 per cent of assessed valuation.

WHEREAS, It having been decided by the supreme court that the park commissioners in said city of Des Moines might not issue bonds for park purposes as provided for by said chapter while said city of Des Moines was indebted in an amount equal to five per cent of the assessed valuation of property within the corporate limits of said city, and said city being now indebted up to said limit, and,

Doubts as to legality of collections for 1892-3.

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of the taxes assessed and levied and to be collected for the years 1892 and 1893, by the board of park commissioners of the city of Des Moines, and as to the right of the county treasurer to collect such taxes and as to the right of said commissioners in said city to receive and use the same for general park purposes other than for the payment of interest on bonds issued by them, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the acts of the board of park commis-