WHEREAS, The mayor and city council of said city, believing that all the necessary steps had been taken for the letting of the contract for the grading and paving of said streets as provided by law, opened all of the bids received under such notice, and on the fifteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, in good faith awarded the contract for such grading and paving to one J. B. McGorrisk, who was the lowest bidder therefor; and

WHEREAS, The said city of Waterloo, under a proper resolution of the city council, which was adopted on the fifteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, did, on the sixteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, enter into a written contract with the said J. B. McGorrisk to grade said streets and pave the same as therein provided, which said contract was duly executed for and in behalf of the city by the

mayor and clerk thereof; and

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the regularity of the acts of said mayor and city council in advertising for sealed proposals for such paving and grading, and as to the legality of the contract entered into in behalf of the city with the said J. B. McGorrisk for grading and paving said streets and intersections for the reason that the notice given for receiving sealed proposals therefor did not in all particulars comply with the statute of Iowa; Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Notice legalized. That the con'ract made and entered into on the sixteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, by and between the city of Waterloo and J. B. McGorrisk for the gracing and paving of the following named streets and intersections in said city, viz.: West Fourth street from Bluff street to Allen street including the intersections of Allen street, West Third street from Washington street to Commercial street including the intersections of West Third and Commercial streets, Commercial street from West Third street to Park avenue; and the notice for proposals for grading and paving said streets and intersections, and the receiving of sealed bids therefor, and all other proceedings had by the mayor and city council of said city in letting, making and executing said contract with the said J. B. McGorrisk be, and the same are hereby declared to be legal and binding upon the parties thereto and all other persons as fully as though the notice for proposals and sealed bids had in all particulars complied with the statutes of Iowa, and as fully as though the laws of the state of Iowa had in all respects been strictly complied with.

SEC. 2. In effect. 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 Des Moines Leader, newspapers published at the city of Des Moines, which publication shall be without expense to the state.

Approved March 31, 1898.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, April 8, 1898.

G. L. Dobson, Becretary of State.

CHAPTER 174.

AN ACT to legalize the election and boundaries of the independent school district of Akron, and the boundaries of the independent school district of Portland township, and the division of the independent school district of Portland township, Plymouth scounty, Iowa, and the acts of the school board relative thereto.

WHEREAS, A special election was held in the independent school district of Portland township, Psymouth county, Iowa on the 21st day of February, 1898, for the purpose of submitting the question of division of said school district into two independent school districts, and establishing the boundary lines of each of such districts, the one to be known after such division as

the independent school district of Akron; the other to be known as the independent school district of Portland township; the boundaries of which being as hereinafter set forth; and,

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of the special election aforesaid, the sufficiency of the petitions therefor, the notice thereof, the holding of the same, and the division of the independent school district above mentioned; therefore,

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

Section 1. Boundaries established and legalized. That the following territory be and the same is hereby established and legalized as the territory of the independent school district of Akron, it being the same submitted at and voted upon at the special election aforesaid, to wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of section twenty-nine, township ninety-three, range forty-eight, Plymouth county, Iowa, thence south along the section line to the southeast corner of section eight, township ninety-two, range forty-eight, county and state aforesaid, thence west along the section line to a point where the same intersects the west line of the state and county aforesaid; thence a northeasterly direction along the west line of said state and county to a point where the same intersects the section line between section twenty and section twenty-nine, township ninety-three, range forty-eight, Plymouth county, Iowa; thence east along the section line last mentioned to the place of beginning, including therein the incorporated town of Akron, Iowa.

That the following territory be and the same is hereby **SEC.** 2. Same. established and legalized as the territory of the independent school district of Portland township, it being the same submitted at and voted upon at the special election aforesaid, to-wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of section one, township ninety-three, range forty eight, county and state aforesaid; thence south along the section line to the southeast corner of section twelve, township ninety-two, range forty-eight, county and state aforesaid; thence west along the section line to the southeast correr of section eight, township ninety two, range forty-eight, county and state aforesaid; thence north along the section line to the northeast corner of section twenty-nine, township ninety-three, range forty-eight, county and state aforesaid; thence west along the section line to a point where the same intersects the west line of said state and county; thence a northeas erly direction along the west line of the state and county aforesaid to a point where the same intersects the line between Plymouth county and Sioux county; thence east along the line between said counties to the place of beginning.

SEC. 3. Acts of board legalized. That all acts of the board of the independent school district of Portland township in calling the special election aforesaid; the manner of holding such election; the division of said independent school district aforesaid; the boundary lines of the two independent school districts created by such division; and all other matters and acts relating thereto be and the same are hereby established and legalized, and declared to be of the same force and effect as if in all respects regular and legal. "Provided, however, that nothing in this act shall affect any

pending litigation."

Approved March 30, 1898.

CHAPTER 175.

H. F. 289.

AN ACT to legalize the official acts of L. B. Dunton, a notary public of Mitchell county, Iowa.

WHEREAS, L. B. Dunton, a notary public of Mitchell county, Iowa, under a misapprehension as to the renewal of his commission as notary