

WHEREAS, Said society has been organized for more than twenty-three (23) years and is now exercising the powers conferred upon such organizations by the laws of Iowa in good faith; and

WHEREAS, The failure to give the proper notice of its organization, if in fact such notice was not given, was an oversight on the part of the persons by whom such society was organized:

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

SECTION 1. Defective notice cured. That the Grundy County Agricultural society of Grundy county, Iowa, is hereby declared to be a body corporate, clothed with all the powers given to such organizations by the statutes of Iowa, and its organization and incorporation is [are] hereby declared legal and valid as though notice thereof had been duly published as provided by law.

SEC. 2 Pending litigation. This act shall not affect any pending litigation.

SEC. 3. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force and effect from and after its publication in the Grundy County Republican and Reinbeck Herald, newspapers published in Grundy county, Iowa, which publication shall be made without expense to the state.

Approved March 25, 1898.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Grundy Courier, May 20, 1898, and in the Grundy County Republican, May 26, 1898.

G. L. DOBSON,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 181.

H. F. 180.

AN ACT to legalize the ordinances and acts of the city council of Lehigh, Webster county, Iowa.

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of the ordinances of the incorporated town of Lehigh, Webster county, Iowa, being the ordinances passed since the first day of January, 1887, and

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of the acts of the city council of the incorporated town of Lehigh, Webster county, Iowa, and

WHEREAS, The records of said town fail to show that the ordinances of said incorporated town have been properly adopted by the town council, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Transactions legalized. That all ordinances of said town of Lehigh, in the county of Webster, and state of Iowa, passed since the first day of January, 1887, and all acts of the council of said town of Lehigh under the terms of said ordinances, are hereby declared to be legal and valid in all respects and to the same extent as though all the provisions of law had been complied with, provided, however, that nothing in this act shall in any manner affect any pending litigation.

Approved March 22, 1898.

CHAPTER 182.

S. F. 108.

AN ACT to legalize conveyances of real property by executors or trustees under foreign wills.

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

SECTION 1. Made legal. All conveyances of real property heretofore executed by executors or trustees under foreign wills and prior to the expiration of three months after the recording of a duly authenticated copy of the will, original record of appointment, qualification, and bond, as required by chapter 162, acts of the eighteenth general assembly, are hereby

legalized and declared as valid and effectual in law as though the provisions of said chapter had been strictly followed, provided the proper proof of authority was a matter of record in the office of the clerk of the district court in the county where the real property is situated, at the time the conveyance was executed, or was so made a matter of record prior to the passage of this act; provided, nothing in this act shall in any manner affect pending litigation.

Approved March 25, 1898.

CHAPTER 183.

S. F. 307.

AN ACT to legalize the levy and collection of a tax for schoolhouse fund in the year 1896, in the independent school district of Lincoln Center No. 5, Pottawattamie county, and the diversion and use of such tax to the teachers' and contingent funds of said independent school district.

WHEREAS, By the authority of the certificate of the secretary of the independent school district of Lincoln Center No. 5, township of Lincoln, Pottawattamie county, Iowa, directing the levy of schoolhouse fund tax for the year 1896, in the amount of three hundred dollars, said tax was levied by the board of supervisors of said county and collected by the county treasurer, and paid to said independent school district; and,

WHEREAS, Said levy was erroneously made and the tax collected thereon was without the authority of the record of the board of directors of said independent school district by reason of clerical error, and said board of directors appropriated the amounts so levied and collected for said schoolhouse fund in defraying the expenses of the teachers' and contingent funds for the year 1897, omitting to levy for such purposes for said year, because of such appropriation; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. **Made legal.** That the levy of such tax, the collection of the same, and the act of the board of directors of the independent school district of Lincoln Center No. 5, in said county, in diverting said schoolhouse fund tax so levied and collected for the year 1896 to the use of the teachers' and contingent funds for the year 1897, in lieu of any levy and collection of tax for such funds for that year, be and the same is hereby legalized.

SEC. 2. **Pending litigation.** Nothing in this act shall be so taken or construed as to affect pending litigation.

Approved March 25, 1898.

CHAPTER 184.

H. F. 145.

AN ACT to legalize a resolution of the city council of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, passed August, A. D. 1897, approving a contract with the McCaskey and Holcomb Company, for the construction, operation, and maintenance of an electric lighting plant for said city.

WHEREAS, Upon the third day of August, 1897, the city council of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, passed a resolution approving and ratifying a contract made by the board of public works of said city, with the McCaskey and Holcomb company on August third, 1897, for the erection of an electric lighting plant for said city, and for the operation and maintenance thereof for the space of two years, and

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality and regularity of said resolution and contract, because of alleged informalities in the proposals for bids for said electric lighting plant, and in the bids of the said McCaskey and Holcomb company made and accepted thereon, and in the forms of the ballots used upon the special election in submitting the question of establishing such electric lighting plant by said city. Now therefore,