# CHAPTER 196.

# LEGALIZING LEVY MADE BY TOWN OF BONAPARTE.

H. F. 289.

AN ACT to legalize the levy made by the town of Bonaparte, in Van Buren county, Iowa, and the acts of its council.

WHEREAS, the town of Bonaparte, in Bonaparte township, Van Buren county, Iowa, in the year eighteen ninety nine became incorporated as a town and said incorporation was perfected too late to elect an assessor for said town; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of defraying the general and incidental expenses, the town council adopted the assessment for the year eighteen ninety-nine returned by the township assessor for the township of Bonaparte said county and levied upon the taxable property within said town as shown by said assessment, a ten mill tax; and

WHEREAS, doubts exist as to the legality of said levy; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Valid and binding. That the levy of such tax, the collections of the same, the acts of the city council of the town of Bonaparte, [in] said county in making said levy, and all warrants drawn by said town in anticipation of the revenue to be derived from said levy, be and the same is hereby legalized and made valid and binding.

Approved March 28, 1900.

#### CHAPTER 197.

## THE TOWN OF ATHELSTAN.

H. F. 94.

AN ACT to legalize the incorporation of the town of Athelstan, Taylor county, Iowa, the election of its officers and all acts done and ordinances passed by the council of said town.

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen as to the legality of the incorporation of the town of Athelstan, Taylor county, Iowa, the election of its officers, and the ordinances passed by the town council of the said town; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Declared valid. That the incorporation of the town of Athelstan, Taylor county, Iowa, the election of its officers, and all official acts done, and the ordinances passed by the town council of said town, not in contravention with the laws of the state, are hereby legalized, and the same are hereby declared to be valid and binding the same as though the law had been in all respects strictly complied with in the incorporation of said town, the election of its officers and official acts done, and the passage of its ordinances. But nothing in this act shall in any manner affect any pending litigation.

Approved March 23, 1900.

#### CHAPTER 198.

#### LEGALIZING SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN POLK COUNTY.

B. F. 92.

AN ACT to legalize a special election held in the county of Polk and state of Iowa on the 25th day of January, 1899, and the propositions submitted at said election, for the purpose of authorizing the board of supervisors of said county to purchase real property at a cost not to exceed one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars, upon which to build a court house; to legalize the authority of the board of supervisors of said county to purchase real property of the series property for said purpose at a cost not to exceed one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars, and to levy a tax of one quarter of one mill, on the assessed valuation

of the taxable property of Polk county, for a period not exceeding twenty (20) years, beginning with the year 1900, to pay the indebtedness created by said purchase, if an indebtedness shall be created thereby.

WHEREAS, there was on the 25th day of January, 1899, held in the county of Polk, and state of Iowa, a special election at which election there were submitted to the voters of said county the following propositions:—

"Shall the board of supervisors of Polk county, Iowa, purchase a site on the west bank of the Des Moines river between Court avenue and Grand avenue, and east of West Second street, in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, at a cost not to exceed one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars, upon which to erect a new court house; and, shall the board of supervisors issue bonds of Polk county, Iowa, for the purpose of securing money with which to purchase the site; and shall the board of supervisors be authorized to levy an annual tax of not to exceed one quarter of one mill on the dollar on the assessed valuation of the taxable property within Polk county, Iowa, for a period not exceeding twenty (20) years, for the purpose of paying the principal and interest of said bonds?" and

WHEREAS, at the said special election the said propositions were voted for by a majority of all the persons voting for and against the same; and

WHEREAS, it has been declared by the district court of Polk county, Iowa, and by the board of supervisors of said county, that the said propositions were adopted at said election; and

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen respecting the legality and regularity of the proceedings of the board of supervisors leading up to said election, and respecting the legality and regularity of the notice of said election, and respecting the legality and regularity of the proposition submitted at said election, and respecting the authority vested in said board of supervisors by said election; [therefore,]

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

SECTION 1. Made legal—effect. That the resolutions and proceedings of the board of supervisors of Polk county, Iows, concerning and providing for said special election of January 25th, 1899, the notice of the said election and the propositions submitted thereat, be and the same are hereby legalized, and the adoption of the said propositions by the voters of said county, as hereinbefore recited, shall have the following force and effect:

First.—*Purchase of site.* To authorize the board of supervisors of Polk county, Iowa, to purchase a site on the west bank of the Des Moines river, between Court avenue and Grard avenue and east of West Second street in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, at a cost not to exceed one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars, upon which to erect a new court house, and to pay for the same with any money in the treasury of said county, not otherwise appropriated, whether the proceeds of the sale of the real property now occupied by the courthouse or of ordinary taxation.

by the courthouse or of ordinary taxation. Second.—Tax levy. To levy a tax of one quarter of one mill upon the assessed valuation of the taxable property within Polk county, Iowa, for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years, for the payment of the indebtedness created in the purchase of a site on the west bank of the Des Moines river, between Court avenue and Grand avenue, and east of West Second street, in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, at a cost not to exceed one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars, upon which to erect a new court house, said tax to be levied annually, and to begin in the year 1900, provided said board shall decide to incur an indebtedness in the purchase of said site.

Third.—Indebtedness. To incur an indebtedness not exceeding on 3 hundred thousand (100,000) dollars for a site on the west bank of the Das Moines river, between Court avenue and Grand avenue, and east of West Second street in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, upon which to erect a new court house, and to execute proper evidences of such indebtedness.

SEC. 2. In effect. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect immediately after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa, said publication to be without expense to the state.

Approved March 29, 1900.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader March 31, 1900.

G. L. DOBSON, Secretary of State,

# CHAPTER 199.

# THE TOWN OF OCHEYEDAN.

#### S. F. 284.

AN ACT to legalize the incorporation of the town of Ocheyedan, Osceola county, Iowa, and all acts done and ordinances passed by the council of said town.

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen as to the legality of the incorporation of the town of Ocheyedan, Osceola county, Iowa, and the ordinances passed by the town council of said town, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Valid and binding—pending litigation. That the incorporation of the town of Ocheyedan, Osceola county, Iowa, the official acts done, and the ordinances passed by the town council of said town, not in contravention with the laws of the state of Iowa, are hereby legalized, and the same are hereby declared to be valid and binding the same as though the law had in all respects been fully complied with in the incorporation of said town, the election of its officers, and all the official acts done, and the passage of its ordinances. But nothing in this act shall in any manner affect any pending litigation.

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 Ocheyedan Press, a newspaper published in Ocheyedan, Iowa, and the Iowa State Register, a newspaper published in Des Moines, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved March 29, 1900.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register March 30, 1900, and in the Ocheyedan Press April 6, 1900.

G. L. DOBSON, Secretary of State.

# CHAPTER 200.

#### LEGALIZING COUNTY ELECTIONS, ETC.

#### H. F. 375.

AN ACT to legalize and validate certain county elections on the question of erecting a court house, borrowing money and issuing bonds therefor, and levying taxes to pay said bonds, and authorizing counties to issue bonds voted for at such elections, and to levy sufficient taxes to pay the same.

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

SECTION 1. Legalized and validated. That all elections heretofore held in any county in this state, at which the question of erecting a court house, borrowing money to pay the cost of the same, issuing bonds to evidence such loan, and levying a special tax to pay the principal and interest of said bonds, have been combined in one proposition, and submitted to a vote of the legal voters of the county as a single public measure, are hereby legalized and validated. And