

WHEREAS, doubt has arisen as to the legality of the incorporation of said town of Melcher by reason of the failure to take legal steps with reference to publishing and posting notice as by law required; and

WHEREAS, doubt has arisen as to the legality of the acts of the mayor and the town council and other officers of said town of Melcher.

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

1     **SECTION 1. Ordinances, etc., legalized.** That the incorporation  
2 of the town of Melcher, Marion county, Iowa, the election of its officers  
3 and all acts done and the ordinances and resolutions passed by the  
4 town council of said town, not in contravention of the laws of the  
5 state, are hereby legalized and the same are hereby declared to be valid  
6 and binding the same as though the law had been, in all respects,  
7 strictly complied with in the incorporation of said town, the election of  
8 its officers, and all official acts done, and the passage of its ordinances  
9 and resolutions, provided that nothing in this act shall in any wise  
10 affect pending litigation.

1     **SEC. 2. Publication clause.** This act being deemed of immediate  
2 importance shall be in force and effect from and after its publication  
3 in the Des Moines Capital, a newspaper published in Des Moines,  
4 Iowa, and in the Melcher Union, a newspaper published in Melcher,  
5 Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved March 16, A. D. 1915.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Capital March 18, 1915 and in the Melcher Union March 25, 1915.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 37.

### CITY OF ONAWA.

H. F. 412.

AN ACT to legalize certain warrants of the city of Onawa, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the city of Onawa, in the county of Monona, state of Iowa, did hitherto make certain expenditures in the amount of five thousand and nineteen dollars (\$5,019.00), and did issue warrants in the sum of five thousand and nineteen dollars (\$5,019.00), to evidence the indebtedness incurred in making said expenditures, said warrants consisting of warrants drawn on the general fund, the electric light fund, and the road fund; those drawn on the general fund being warrants No. 10, dated Nov. 7, 1911, Nos. 27 and 29, dated March 4th, 1912, Nos. 33, 34, 38, and 43 to 56, both numbers inclusive, and 58 to 68, both numbers inclusive, dated April 1st, 1912, No. 246 dated March 2, 1914, Nos. 249, 255, 260, 262, 270

to 274, both numbers inclusive, 276, 279, 287, 291, 292, and 357, dated April 6th, 1914, Nos. 395 to 404, both numbers inclusive, dated February 1st, 1915, and No. 3409 dated June 5th, 1911; those drawn on the electric light fund being No. 3006 dated December 3d, 1907, No. 3728 dated December 6th, 1910, No. 3875 dated November 7th, 1911, No. 4256 dated October 6th, 1913, Nos. 4300 to 4304, both numbers inclusive, dated November 26th, 1913, and Nos. 4423, 4442 and 4444, dated April 6th, 1913; the warrant drawn on the road fund consisting of warrant No. 43 dated November 7th, 1911; and

WHEREAS, the total indebtedness of said city did not at the time of incurring any item of said indebtedness, including such item, or at the time of issuance of any one of said warrants, including such warrant, and does not now, exceed the constitutional limit of indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, said expenditures were all made for purposes authorized by law; and said city of Onawa has been enjoying the use and benefit of said expenditures, said expenditures being each well worth the contract price therefor; and

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen concerning the legality of the aforesaid warrants, or a portion thereof, on the ground that the aforesaid expenditures or a portion thereof, were contracted in excess of said city's authorized annual revenue; and

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen concerning the legality of the aforesaid warrants, or a portion thereof, on the ground that aforesaid expenditures, or a portion thereof, were not provided for in said city's annual appropriation; and

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen concerning the legality of aforesaid warrants, or a portion thereof, on the ground that the indebtedness, which said warrants evidence, was contracted in excess of the statutory limitation on indebtedness; now therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. Warrants, etc., legalized. That the acts of the city  
2 council of the city of Onawa, in the county of Monona, state of Iowa,  
3 in making the aforesaid expenditures for the city of Onawa and  
4 issuing the aforesaid warrants therefor in the sum of five thousand  
5 and nineteen dollars (\$5,019.00), be and the same are hereby legalized,  
6 as though the law had in all respects been complied with.

1 SEC. 2. Same. The aforesaid warrants of the city of Onawa, in  
2 the sum of five thousand and nineteen dollars (\$5,019.00), together  
3 with all accrued interest thereon, be and the same are hereby legalized  
4 and declared to be valid, legal and subsisting obligations, the same  
5 as though the law had in all respects been complied with.

1 SEC. 3. Pending litigation. Nothing in this act shall affect any  
2 pending litigation.

1 SEC. 4. Publication clause. This act being deemed of immediate  
2 importance, shall take effect, and be in force from and after its pub-  
3 lication in the Register and Leader, a newspaper published at Des

4 Moines, Iowa, and the Onawa Sentinel, a newspaper published at  
5 Onawa, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved March 16, A. D. 1915.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Onawa Sentinel March 18, 1915 and in the Register and Leader March 19, 1915.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 38.

### TOWN OF BLAKESBURG.

S. F. 259.

AN ACT to legalize all the elections of the town of Blakesburg, in the county of Wapello and state of Iowa, and all acts performed and proceedings held or undertaken, and all ordinances and resolutions, or amendments thereto, passed by the town council of said town, and all the official acts of the town officers of said town, since the passage of an act relating to the organization of cities and towns and known as chapter twenty-six (26) of the acts of the thirty-second general assembly; and defining the terms of office of the councilmen and officers of said town, and providing for future elections therein.

WHEREAS, in the election of the members of the town council and other town officers in and for the town of Blakesburg in the county of Wapello, state of Iowa, held since the passage and going into effect of an act relating to the organization of cities and towns and known as chapter twenty-six (26) of the acts of the thirty-second general assembly of the state of Iowa, no notice has been taken of said act, but said elections inadvertently have been held and members of the town council and other town officers nominated and elected without reference thereto, but in accordance with the statutes previously existing in relation to such elections, and as if the said statutes were still in full force and effect and unrepealed and unamended; and

WHEREAS, at a town election so held on the last Monday in March A. D. 1913, Benjamin Abegg was duly elected as mayor, John H. Belles was duly elected as treasurer, Earl Roberts was duly elected as assessor and S. C. Snow was duly elected as councilman, and at a town election held on the last Monday in March A. D. 1914, Everett Rowe, William Thompson, Martin Huber and Calvin Smith were duly elected as councilmen, and

WHEREAS, the said persons have duly qualified and have filled the offices to which they were respectively elected and performed divers official acts; and

WHEREAS, said town council duly organized and elected John W. Torrence as clerk and he duly qualified; and

WHEREAS, the town council of said town has acted and proceeded in all matters as if the said persons so elected as councilmen had been legally elected and were legally entitled to membership therein, and said town council so composed in whole or in part of said persons has undertaken to pass various ordinances and resolutions and to perform other official acts; and

WHEREAS, doubt has arisen as to the legality of all the ordinances, resolutions, and amendments to ordinances and resolutions, passed by the said