

CHAPTER 43.

OF TAXATION.

H. F. 37.

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in section eight hundred and eighty-eight (888) of the code relating to the levy of a tax for a city bridge fund.

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

1 SECTION 1. City bridge fund. That section eight hundred and
 2 eighty-eight (888) of the code be, and the same is hereby amended as
 3 follows: Strike out the period at the end of said section, insert a semi-
 4 colon in lieu thereof, and add thereafter the following words: Pro-
 5 vided, however, that any city of the first class, or any city acting under
 6 the commission plan of government, and having a population of more
 7 than thirty-five thousand, and whose corporate limits are divided by a
 8 meandered stream, may annually levy a tax of an additional one mill
 9 for such city bridge fund.

Approved March 12, A. D. 1917.

CHAPTER 44.

OTTUMWA LODGE NUMBER NINE, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

H. F. 136.

AN ACT to legalize the elections, acts and transactions, resolutions, by-laws, rules and regulations, contracts, mortgages and deeds of the Ottumwa Lodge Number Nine, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

WHEREAS, on or about the 16th day of November, 1865, the Ottumwa Lodge Number Nine, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Ottumwa, Wapello county, Iowa, was duly incorporated under the provisions of the Revision of 1860; and,

WHEREAS, said incorporation was never extended or renewed, and said Ottumwa Lodge Number Nine, Independent Order of Odd Fellows was never reincorporated until on or about the 15th day of September, 1916; and,

WHEREAS, said Ottumwa Lodge Number Nine, Independent Order of Odd Fellows acquired and owned real estate situated in the city of Ottumwa, Wapello county, Iowa, which was used, improved, and maintained by it as a lodge, and it has continued to hold its meetings, elect officers and trustees and carry on its affairs and control, maintain, improve and operate a lodge in accordance with its articles of incorporation, by-laws, rules and regulations, and from time to time has made, operated and amended resolutions, by-laws, and rules and regulations, and has sold lots in the city of Ottumwa, and executed and delivered deeds therefor to the purchasers thereof, and has purchased property in said city and executed notes and mortgages to the vendor therefor, and now owns property therein, all subject to its articles of incorporation, by-laws, rules and regulations, and has made various other contracts as a lodge, assuming to be duly incorporated during all the time since its said incorporation in 1865; and,

WHEREAS, a question has arisen as to the duration of the right of said lodge to lawfully act as a corporation, and as to the validity of its elections, acts and transactions, resolutions, by-laws, rules and regulations, contracts, mortgages given to others and mortgages received from others, deeds or conveyance given to and received from others and the rights to its property during the period beginning with twenty years after its first incorporation and extending up to the date of its last incorporation as aforesaid; therefore,

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

1 SECTION 1. Incorporation extended. That the articles of incor-
2 poration of the Ottumwa Lodge Number Nine, Independent Order of
3 Odd Fellows of Ottumwa, Iowa, made and adopted on November 16,
4 1865, be and the same are extended without limit unless terminated
5 by the act of the general assembly.

1 SEC. 2. Acts and doings legalized. That all of the elections,
2 acts and transactions, by-laws, rules and regulations, resolutions, con-
3 tracts, mortgages and deeds of conveyance of said Ottumwa Lodge
4 Number Nine, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, are legal, valid and
5 binding and of the same force and effect as if no question had existed
6 as to the duration of the right of said lodge to act as a corporation,
7 and that said lodge having adopted new articles of incorporation, in
8 compliance with the laws of the state of Iowa, the said Ottumwa Lodge
9 Number Nine, Independent Order of Odd Fellows as thus reincor-
10 porated succeeded to and acquired all the rights, privileges, liabilities
11 and property of the said lodge as confirmed and legalized by this act,
12 including the title to the real estate held by the said Ottumwa Lodge
13 Number Nine, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; provided, that
14 nothing in this act shall affect pending litigation.

1 SEC. 3. Publication clause. This act being deemed of immediate
2 importance shall take effect on and after its publication in the Des
3 Moines Register and the Ottumwa Courier, newspapers published in
4 the cities of Des Moines, Iowa, and Ottumwa, Iowa, respectively, said
5 publication being without expense to the state.

Approved March 13, A. D. 1917.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Ottumwa Courier March 15, 1917, and in the Des Moines Register March 16, 1917.

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

CHAPTER 45.

OF MUNICIPAL TAXATION.

H. F. 149.

AN ACT to amend section eight hundred ninety-four (894), supplemental supplement to the code, 1915, relating to the levying of special taxes by cities and towns.

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

1 Grading fund. That section eight hundred ninety-four (894),
2 supplemental supplement to the code, 1915, be, and the same is hereby