

## CHAPTER 189.

## CITY OF KEOKUK.

AN ACT to amend the charter of the city of Keokuk.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the charter for the city of Keokuk and the amendments thereof, be, and are hereby so amended as to provide for the establishment of a separate and distinct board in the government and management of city affairs; which board shall be styled the board of aldermen, and shall consist of one member from each ward, as the same are now divided, or may hereafter be divided, and shall be elected annually at the same time and place, and by the same voters authorized at said election to elect members of the city council; and they shall hold their offices for the same time those members of the city council shall hold their offices.

SEC. 2. That said board of aldermen shall, when duly elected and qualified in the same manner as provided for the qualification of members of the city council, constitute a co-ordinate branch of the city government, and no ordinance or joint resolution shall go into effect or be in force unless the same shall have passed both branches of said city government, to wit: the city council and board of aldermen, by a majority of the votes in each branch, and be afterward approved by the mayor. *Provided,* however, if the mayor shall disapprove of any ordinance or resolution which requires his approval, it shall be his duty to return the same to that branch of the city government in which the same originated, with his reasons, in writing, for his disapproval of the same; and on receipt of such ordinance or resolution, if the same, after the reading of the reasons assigned by the mayor, shall receive the vote of two thirds or more of each branch of said city government, the same shall be binding and in full force notwithstanding said disapproval; and provided further, if the mayor shall neglect or refuse, for a period of more than one week, to approve any ordinance or resolution which duly passed the board of aldermen and city council, or return the same as provided above with his

reasons for disapproval, the said ordinance or resolution shall in that event be and remain in as full force and effect as if the same had been approved by said mayor.

**Appropriations** SEC. 3. That all ordinances and resolutions appropriating money, or providing for the levying of taxes, shall originate in the city council.

**Presiding officers.** SEC. 4. That each board of the city government herein provided for, shall elect their own presiding officer, who shall be one of their own board, and shall be styled president of the body over which he presides; and in case any vacancy shall occur in the office of mayor by reason of death, absence or sickness, or any other cause, it shall be the duty of the president of the board of aldermen to exercise in all matters the functions of mayor, and during the time he is so performing said duties, a president pro tem, to be elected by said board, shall preside over their deliberations.

**1st board of aldermen.** SEC. 5. The first board of aldermen shall be elected at the time appointed by law for the election of the city council, and they shall receive as compensation for their services the same pay now allowed to members of the city council.

**Qualification of voters.** SEC. 6. That in all elections hereafter, the same qualifications of voters shall be required as are required of voters at the State or county elections.

**Times of holding elections.** SEC. 7. That the time of holding the charter elections in said city after the current year, shall be on the first Tuesday of February each year, instead of the time heretofore fixed by law: *Provided*, the mayor of said city, by proclamation, shall submit the question of adopting this act at an election for that purpose, which shall be holden at least twenty days before the first Monday in April next, of which due notice shall be given in two daily newspapers published in said city.

SEC. 8. This act shall be in force on and after its publication in the Keokuk Daily Evening Times, Daily Post, and Daily Gate City, without expense to the State.

Approved Jan. 28, 1857.

I certify that the foregoing act was published in the Daily Gate City, Feb. 24, 1857, and Keokuk Daily Evening Times, March 3, 1857.

ELIJAH SELLS,  
Secretary of State.