

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO LEGALIZE THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES OF CITIES, TOWNS AND INCORPORATED TOWNS, ADOPTED UNDER ATTEMPTED SUSPENSION OF THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING THEREOF ON THREE DIFFERENT DAYS, THE VOTE FOR SUCH SUSPENSION HAVING BEEN BY LESS THAN THREE-FOURTHS OF THE WHOLE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE MAYOR.

WHEREAS, Ordinances of cities, towns and incorporated towns in the state of Iowa have been adopted without the reading thereof on three different days, and the rule requiring such reading not having been suspended by the vote of fully three-fourths of the whole number of members of the council, including the mayor as one of such members, but fully three-fourths of the whole number of members elected to the council, other than, and exclusive of the mayor, having voted for the suspension of said rule; and,

WHEREAS, Such ordinances have been acted upon and business has been done under the supposed authority of such ordinances by such cities, towns and incorporated towns, and by individual persons and corporations, in good faith, upon the belief that such ordinances were legally adopted and were valid and binding; therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That all ordinances heretofore adopted by the council of any city, town or
2 incorporated town, in the state of Iowa, without the same having been read on three different
3 days, but upon an attempted suspension of the rule requiring such reading on three different
4 days, wherein three-fourths of the whole number of members elected to the council, other
5 than and exclusive of the mayor, voted in favor of the suspension of said rule, shall be, for all
6 purposes and in all respects, from the date of their adoption, as valid, legal and of the same
7 force and effect as they would be, if said ordinance had, before adoption, been read upon three
8 different days, and as if full three-fourths of the whole number of members elected to the

9 council, including the mayor as one of such members, had voted in favor of the suspension of
10 such rule, and in determining in such cases whether three-fourths of the whole number of
11 members elected to the council voted in favor of such suspension, the mayor shall not, for
12 such purpose, be counted or considered as a member of the council.

Sec. 2. This act shall not affect any rights now in litigation or which have been settled
2 or adjudicated by the judgment or decree of any court.

Sec. 3. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers
3 published at Des Moines, Iowa.