

CHAPTER 51.

RELATING TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ALLEYS.

S. F. 129. AN ACT to Authorize Cities and Towns to provide for the Improvement of Alleys.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the city council or trustees of any incorporated city or town, organized under special charter or under the provisions of the general incorporation laws of the state, are hereby authorized and empowered to provide by ordinance for the improvement of alleys (in said city or town) by grading the same, and for the assessment of the expenses thereof, upon the owners of lots or parcel of land abutting on said alley, pro rata according to the front feet of said lots or parcel of land: *Provided,* That such ordinance shall not be adopted except after the presentation to said council of a written petition for the improvement of such alley, signed by a number of the owners of property so to be assessed therefor equal to a majority of the owners of such property.

City and town councils may provide for grading alleys.

Assessment of expenses.

Proviso: petition.

Work to be let by contract.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of such city council or trustees to require the work of grading such alley to be done under contract therefor, to be entered into with the lowest responsible bidder: *Provided,* That all bids for such work may be rejected by such council or trustees, if by them deemed to be exorbitant, and new bids ordered.

Assessments a lien.

SEC. 3. All assessments for the grading of alleys under this act shall be a lien upon the lots and lands assessed, and shall bear the same rate of interest, and the said property assessed may be sold for payment thereof in the same manner, at any regular or adjourned sale, with the same forfeiture, penalties, and rights of redemption, and certificates and deeds on such sales shall be made in the same manner and with like effect, as in cases of sales for nonpayment of the annual taxes of such cities or towns respectively, as now or hereafter provided by law in respect thereto.

Sale.

Mode of assessment.

SEC. 4. Such city council or trustees may provide by ordinance for the particular mode of making and returning the assessment hereinbefore authorized, and payment of such assessments may, if so directed by said council or trustees, be enforced in the manner and by the proceedings provided for by sections 478, 479, and 481 of the code.

Code: §§ 478, 479, and 481.

§ 465
Costs not to be paid out of general funds of corporation.

SEC. 5. That so much of section 465, chapter 10, title IV., as requires the expense of the grading of alleys to be paid out of the general funds of any incorporated city or town, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect from and after its publication in the Des Moines Reg-

ister and State Leader, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa. Publication clause.

Approved March 19th, 1874.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published, in Des Moines, in *The Iowa Daily State Leader* March 27, and in *The Iowa Daily State Register* March 28, 1874.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 52.

CENSUS OF CITIES AND TOWNS.

AN ACT to Amend Section 509 of the Code of 1873 [Title IV., S. F. 125. Chapter 10: "Of Cities and Incorporated Towns"].

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That section 509 of the code be amended as follows: Add after the word "census," at the end of the 2d line, the following: "Taken by authority of the state, on [or] any town or city council." Code: § 509, Census for classification of cities and towns.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect after being published in *The State Journal*, a newspaper published in Des Moines, and the *Chariton Leader*, a newspaper published in Chariton, without expense to the state. Publication clause.

Approved March 19th, 1874.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in *The Daily State Journal*, at Des Moines, March 30, 1874.*

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 53.

IN RELATION TO THE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

AN ACT to Amend sections 1386, 1392, 1436, and 1438, of Chapter Two, S. F. 230. Title Eleven, of the Code [relating to the Care of the Insane].

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That section 1386, of chapter two, of title eleven, of the code, be amended by inserting in the seventh line, after the word "superintendent," the words "And upon the nomination of the superintendent shall appoint." Also amend section 1392, of same chapter and title, by inserting after the word "trustees," in the first line, the words, "And superintendent." Code: § 1386. Superintendent to nominate assistants, steward, and matron. § 1392. Superintendent of purchases.

SEC. 2. That section 1436 be amended by striking out the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and the word "addressed" in the eighth line of said section, and the following words be inserted in

*See Appendix.