

Upon receipt of such laws the auditor of each county shall execute duplicate receipts therefor to the secretary of state, one of which shall be filed in the office of the auditor of state.

SEC. 40. The county auditor shall set apart a sufficient number of copies of the laws to furnish each county officer, and the mayor of each incorporated town or city, one copy; and one copy to each justice of the peace, constable, township trustee, or member of a city or town council, and to each township clerk and assessor, and shall report to the auditor of state the number of copies remaining in his hands. County auditor to distribute same.

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

Approved March 17, 1876.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Leader*, March 25, and in the *Iowa State Register*, March 29, 1876.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 133.

RELIEVING CERTAIN RAILROAD COMPANIES FROM PENALTIES INCURRED.

AN ACT for the Relief of certain Railroad Companies, their Officers, Agents and Employees, S. F. 265.

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

SECTION 1. That if it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the executive council of this state, that any railroad company owning or operating a railroad in this state, has in good faith adopted the schedule of rates for the transportation of freight and passengers, which shall at the time of the execution of the certificate herein provided for, be in force, and shall file a bond with the auditor of state with good and sufficient sureties, in the sum of _____ dollars liquidated damages to be fixed by the *executive* [executive] council, conditioned that it will continue to operate its said railroad for a period of two years (provided the law shall remain in force during that time) under and in accordance with the said schedule, and not seek to evade its provisions by increasing or contriving any increase on through rates to points on its line outside of the state; the test of such increase shall be the rates actually charged by said company on through freights in the year 1873, the said railroad company, its agents, officers and employes, shall be released from all criminal prosecutions, penalties, fines and forfeitures, under chapter 88, herein-after described, and the governor shall execute a certificate of the compliance of such railroad company with the provisions of this

R. R. Co. complying with schedule of transportation rates.

And filing bond with auditor of state.

Shall be released from criminal prosecution.

act, which certificate shall be conclusive evidence in any court of record, in any criminal or civil suit or proceeding, that such railroad company, its officers, agents and employes, are released from all criminal prosecutions, penalties, fines and forfeitures which may have been incurred under the provisions of chapter 68 of the acts of the 15th general assembly, known as the "Railroad Tariff Law," and no greater sum shall be recovered in any case arising under the provisions of said act in any civil action or proceeding, than the actual damages suffered by any person from unreasonable charges paid prior to that date, and; *provided*, that the provisions of this act shall be accepted by such railroad company within sixty days from and after its approval by the governor.

Incurred under chap. 68, 15th G. A.

Proviso.

To take effect.

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

Approved March 17, 1876.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Leader*, March 21, and in the *Iowa State Register*, March 24, 1876.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, *Secretary of State*.

CHAPTER 134.

LEGALIZING THE TOWN OF LENOX.

H. F. 334. AN ACT to Legalize the Incorporation and Ordinances of the Town of Lennox, Taylor county, Iowa.

Preamble. WHEREAS, The town of Lenox, Taylor county, Iowa, embracing the $s \frac{1}{4}$ se sec. 6, nw $\frac{1}{4}$ and w $\frac{1}{4}$ ne sec. 8, tp. 70, r. 32, on May 26, 1875, duly filed its petition to be incorporated under the general incorporation laws of the state of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, Said town of Lennox held its first election for municipal officers on the 12th day of October A. D. 1875, and has regularly transacted business since, and enacted ordinances, and

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of said incorporation and the ordinances ordained thereunder; therefore,

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

Legalizing clause. SECTION 1. That the incorporation of the town of Lennox, Taylor county, Iowa, be and the same is hereby legalized, and that all the official acts of the town council of the said town of Lennox, done and performed since its organization and in the organization thereof be and the same are hereby legalized and declared legal and valid.

To take effect. SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Reg-