

SEC 4. That no such gas works or electric light plant shall be established by any city or town until a majority of the legal voters thereof, at a general or special election, decide in favor of the same. The council may order the question, whether such gas works or electric light plant shall be established by the city or town, submitted to a vote as herein contemplated, at any general election, or at any election specially called for that purpose; or the mayor shall submit said question, upon the petition of 25 property owners of each ward in the city or town. Notice of said election shall be given in two newspapers published in said city or town if there are two, if not, then in one, for, at least, two consecutive weeks. The ballots shall either be printed or written and in the following form—"for electric light plant" (or "for gas works," as the case may be.) or, "against electric light plant," (or "against gas works").

SEC 5. That 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 Des Moines Leader, newspapers printed in Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 9, 1888.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Register* April 12, and the *Des Moines Leader* April 11, 1888

FRANK D. JACKSON, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 12.

### IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC PLACES, STREETS, HIGHWAYS, ETC.

AN ACT Granting Additional Authority to Certain Cities of the First class relating to the Improvement of Public Places, Street, Highway, Avenue and Alley Intersections, and to Provide a System of Payment Therefor.

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

SECTION 1. That all cities of the first class that have been, or may be organized under the general incorporation laws of cities in this State since January 1, 1881, shall have power to levy not exceeding five mills on the dollar on the assessed valuation of all taxable property in such cities for the purpose of creating a fund to pay the costs and expenses incurred by such cities in the building of pavement or other city street improvement now authorized by law to be made by cities at the intersections of streets, highways, avenues, alleys or other places when the costs and expenses of such street improvements are not assessable against the fronting or abutting property and that such cities may anticipate the collection of said tax and issue city improvement bonds to run for a period not exceeding

Power to levy  
5 mill tax for  
paving.

twenty years and may create a sinking fund to pay the accrued and accruing interest and principal of said bonds at their maturity as the council shall provide by ordinance.

Approved April 3, 1888.

## CHAPTER 13.

### IMPROVEMENT OF ALLEYS IN CITIES OF THE FIRST-CLASS.

H. F. 388. AN ACT to Amend Section one (1) of Chapter 51, Acts Fifteenth General Assembly.

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

SECTION 1. That so much of section one (1), chapter 51, acts of the Fifteenth General Assembly as requires cities of the first class to provide by ordinance for the improvement of alleys after presentation of petition by owner of property to be assessed, be and the same is hereby repealed and such cities of the first class organized under the general incorporation laws of the State may provide by ordinance how such improvements shall be made; and hereafter said cities of the first class may order an alley to be improved, graded or macadamized by resolution passed by an affirmative vote of two thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of such council and on voting on such resolution the yeas and nays shall be recorded.

Alleys may be improved.

Approved April 3, 1888.

## CHAPTER 14.

### IMPROVEMENTS OF STREETS, HIGHWAYS, AVENUES OR ALLEYS.

H. F. 44. AN ACT Granting Additional Powers to Cities Organized under Special Charters with Reference to the Improvements of Streets Highways, Avenues or Alleys, and to Provide a System for Payment Therefor.

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

SECTION 1. That all cities in this State organized and existing under special charters, are hereby vested with all the power and authority conferred by chapter 20 of the acts of the Twentieth General Assembly of the State of Iowa upon cities of the first class therein named.

Cities of special charter vested with