

CHAPTER 6.

ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY LINE TOWNS.

H. F. 402. AN ACT to enable the inhabitants of two counties lying contiguous to each other to organize into a city or incorporated town, and defining the jurisdiction of mayors thereof.

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

Formation of county line towns.

Proceedings for organization.

Laws governing.

Jurisdiction of mayors.

Action before a justice.

Publication clause.

SECTION 1. When the inhabitants of portions of two counties lying contiguous to each other, not embraced within the limits of any city or incorporated town, shall desire to be organized into a city or incorporated town, they may apply by petition in writing, signed by not less than twenty-five of the qualified electors of the territory to be embraced in the proposed city or incorporated town, to the district court of either county, which petition shall describe the territory proposed to be embraced in such city or incorporated town, and shall have annexed thereto an accurate map or plat thereof and state the name proposed for such city or incorporated town, and shall be accompanied with satisfactory proofs of the number of its inhabitants within the territory embraced in said limits, and shall proceed in all respects as is provided by statute for the organization of cities and incorporated towns and be governed by the same law.

SEC. 2. The mayors of cities of the second class or incorporated towns, when the same are composed of portions of two counties, shall have exclusive jurisdiction of violation of its ordinances, *provided* that, if the mayor is unable to hold court, or in case of his absence from such city or town, the action may be brought before any justice of the peace having an office in the city or town, *provided*: that the action shall be brought before a justice having an office in that county where the violation of such ordinance occur.

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

Approved March 26, 1892.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Register* and *Des Moines Leader*, March 30, 1892.

W. M. McFARLAND, *Secretary of State.*