

been done in the manner as required by law and the said district had been legally organized as required by law.

Provided that this act shall in no way affect pending litigation.

SEC. 3. This act being deemed of immediate impor- Publication.  
tance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, a paper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and the Cherokee Herald, a newspaper published at Cherokee, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved March 19, 1896.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register, April 16, and Cherokee Herald, April 3, 1896.

W. M. MCFARLAND,  
Secretary of State.

## CHAPTER 172.

AN ACT to legalize the organization of the independent school dis- H. F. 423.  
trict of Stockport, Van Buren county, Iowa.

WHEREAS, Certain territory in the district township of Illegal.  
Cedar and in the district township of Union, all in Van Buren county, Iowa, was in the month of April, 1895, organized into an independent school district to be known as the independent school district of Stockport, such territory being described as follows: The southwest quarter and the west half of the northwest quarter of section eighteen (18) and the west half of section nineteen (19): all in township seventy (70) north of range eight (8), west of the fifth P. M., Iowa; also the south half of the northeast quarter and the southeast quarter of section thirteen (13) and the north half of the northeast quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section twenty-four (24); all in township seventy (70) north of range nine (9) west of the fifth P. M. Iowa; having within its limits the village of Stockport, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of said Doubts.  
organization for the reason that full compliance had not been made with the law pertaining to the making of the plat and the recording thereof of the said village of Stockport, and also as to whether or not there were residing one hundred inhabitants within the limits of said village plat at the time of the organization of said independent school district of Stockport; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the organization of the independent Organization  
school district of Stockport, Van Buren county, Iowa, the made valid.  
election of directors and the official acts of said directors, be, and the same are, hereby legalized and made valid, the same as though said district had been organized in strict conformity with all the requirements of law.

SEC. 2. Nothing in this act shall affect in any manner pending litigation relating to the subject matter hereof.

Publication.

SEC. 3. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, a newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and the Birmingham Enterprise, a newspaper published at Birmingham, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved Apr 4, 1896

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register April 17, and Birmingham Enterprise April 16, 1896

W. M. MCFARLAND,  
Secretary of State.

### CHAPTER 173.

H. F. 512.

AN ACT to legalize the election at Ames, Iowa, of city officers and the election for the issuance of bonds for sundry purposes.

Submitted to voters.

WHEREAS, At the regular city election held in Ames, Iowa, on the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1896, a proposition to bond the city for five per cent of its assessed valuation, for the purpose of erecting and establishing an electric light plant and extending the water system, was submitted to the voters; and

Women voted

WHEREAS, At said election the women of said city as qualified by chapter 39 of the acts of the twenty-fifth General Assembly were allowed to cast ballots on the proposition to bond the city; and

WHEREAS, The ballots of said women were deposited with the ballots of the male voters, whose ballots expressed their choice for city officers as well as their choice on the question of issuing bonds; and

WHEREAS, The result of said election, excluding the ballots of the women as well as including the same, was largely in favor of the proposition to bond the city; and

But two judges.

WHEREAS, The voting place of the fourth ward was attended by only two judges; and

In doubt.

WHEREAS, By reason of the above irregularities doubts have arisen as to the legality of said election, and the right of the council to issue said bonds and use the proceeds as suggested in the proposition voted on; therefore,

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

Acts of officers legalized.

SECTION 1. That the city election held in Ames, Iowa, on the 2nd day of March A. D. 1896 be and it is hereby legalized, that the acts of the city officers be and they are declared as valid and as binding as though no irregularity had occurred in said election, that the vote on the proposition to bond be and it is declared as legal as though done in strict conformity to law, and that all ordinances passed by the city council in regard to the erection of an electric light plant to be owned by the city