

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

and the extension of its water system be and they are declared to be of full force and effect, provided, that nothing in this act shall in any manner affect pending litigation.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate impor- Publication.  
tance shall be in full force and effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Ames Intelligencer newspapers published respectively at Des Moines, Iowa, and Ames, Iowa, such publication to be without expense to the state.

Approved May 2, 1896.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register, May 14, 1896

W. M. MCFARLAND,  
Secretary of State.

#### CHAPTER 174.

AN ACT to legalize the ordinances and acts of the City Council of S. F. 415.  
the town of Clare, Iowa.

WHEREAS, Doubt and uncertainty have arisen as to the Uncertainty.  
legality of certain ordinances and by-laws of the incorporated town of Clare, Webster county, Iowa; and,

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legality of the acts of the city council of the incorporated town of Clare, Webster County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, The records of said town fail to show that Did not show  
the ordinances of said incorporated town have been ordinance  
properly adopted by the town council; and, adopted.

WHEREAS, Doubt and uncertainty has arisen in regard In doubt.  
to the legality of the payment of the salaries of the officers of said town and the drawing of warrants upon the public funds of said incorporated town; and

WHEREAS, On account of said irregularities the validity Question of  
of the acts of said council is questioned and likewise the validity of validity of  
the ordinances of said town is questioned and warrants.  
the validity of the warrants drawn by the officers of said town in question—therefore—

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

SECTION 1. That all ordinances and by-laws of said Legalized.  
town of Clare in the County of Webster and State of Iowa and all acts of the Council of said town of Clare, and all acts of any of the officers of said town in the enforcement and carrying into effect of said ordinances, by-laws, resolutions, and acts and all payments of salaries of the officers of said town, and all payments of moneys under warrants drawn by any of said officers are hereby declared to be legal and valid in all respects and to the same extent as though all the provisions of law had been complied with,

*Provided,* nothing in this act shall in any manner affect any pending litigation.

Approved May 2, 1896.