

SEC. 3. Nothing herein contained shall affect any litigation now pending.

Publication.

SEC. 4. 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 Scranton Journal, newspapers published at Des Moines, and Scranton, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved May 2, 1896.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register, May 15, 1896.

W. M. McFARLAND,  
Secretary of State.

### CHAPTER 203.

S. F. 376.  
To legalize.

AN ACT to legalize the incorporation of the town of Urbana, Benton county, Iowa, the election of its officers, and all the acts done and the ordinances passed by the Council of said town.

Heretofore incorporated.

Whereas, The town of Urbana, in Benton County, Iowa, was heretofore incorporated under the general laws of this state for the incorporation of cities and towns; and

What records show.

Whereas, The records of said town and of the county show that the petition presented to the district court of said county did not describe the territory proposed to be embraced in said incorporated town with sufficient particularity, and did not furnish satisfactory proofs of the number of the inhabitants within the territory sought to be incorporated, and the orders of the court relative to the incorporation of said town are not as full and complete as they should be, and the notice given by the commissioners was indefinite and signed only by one L. D. Landon, Clerk, and the report of the election held in accordance with said notice was made by said Clerk for said commissioners; and,

Orders of court not full and complete.

Two towns embraced.

Whereas, The territory proposed to be embraced in said incorporated town included the towns of Marysville and Manatheka, and additions thereto, as shown by the recorded plats thereof and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of section thirty-four (34) in township eighty-six (86) north of range Nine (9) West of the 5th p. m. and running thence west one hundred and sixty (160) rods, thence south eighty (80) rods, thence east one hundred eighty-three and one-half (183½) rods, thence north Twenty (20) rods, thence east Five hundred and eighty-four (584) feet, thence north seven hundred and forty-three (743) feet, thence east Twenty (20) rods, thence north to public highway running in a northeasterly direction through the southwest quarter of section Twenty-six (26) in said township and range, thence in a south westerly direction along the line of said highway to block six (6) in Manatheka, thence north to the northeast corner of lot one (1) in block one (1) in

Description.

Manatheka, thence west to section line, thence south to place of beginning, and

Whereas, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of the incorporation of said town, because of said and other irregularities, and as to the legality and validity of the ordinances passed and other acts done by the town Council of said town since said incorporation; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the incorporation of said town of Urbana, in Benton county, Iowa, the election of its officers, and all the official acts done and ordinances passed by the town Council of said town, not in contravention with the laws of Iowa, are hereby legalized and the same are made valid as though the laws had in all respects been strictly complied with in the incorporation of said town, the election of its officers, and the passing of its ordinances,

Incorporation, acts, ordinances legalized.

Provided; that nothing in this act shall in any manner affect any litigation now pending.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Urbana Monitor and Iowa State Register, newspapers published at Urbana and Des Moines, without expense to the State.

Publication.

Approved April 8, 1896.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register, May 1, 1896.

W. M. MCFARLAND,  
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 204.

AN ACT to legalize the ordinance of the city council of the city of Wapello, granting a franchise to W. H. Prescott and his associates as the Wapello Electric Light and Power company, and to legalize the proceedings of said council under and by virtue of said ordinance.

S. F. 347.

Whereas, The city council of the city of Wapello in Louisa county, Iowa, in the year 1896, adopted, passed, and enacted an ordinance entitled "An ordinance granting rights, and privileges to W. H. Prescott, his associates, successors, and assigns hereafter to be organized by him into a corporation called the Wapello Electric Light and Power company in the city of Wapello;" and

Franchise to Prescott.

Passed an ordinance.

Whereas, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of the proceedings of the city council of said city of Wapello in the submission to said city council, and the adoption, passage, and enactment of said ordinance; and

Doubt.

Whereas, Doubts have likewise arisen as to the legality of the proceedings of, and contracts made by, the city council of Wapello under and by virtue of the aforesaid ordinance; and

Legality in doubt.