

CHAPTER 260.

THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER.

H. F. 251.

AN ACT to legalize the incorporation of the town of Bridgewater, Iowa, the election of its officers, the passage of its ordinances and resolutions and acts done by the city council in the adoption and enforcement of its ordinances and resolutions.

WHEREAS, The town of Bridgewater, Adair county, Iowa, was incorporated in the year 1905, and

WHEREAS, In the vote taken upon the proposition to incorporate said town and for the election of the members of its town council and other officers thereof, a large majority of the qualified electors voted in favor of the incorporation of said town and a like majority voted for the officers elected, but the guard-rail and booths provided for voting at elections were not erected or used by the voters at the said election, and

WHEREAS, The functions of an incorporated town have been exercised and enjoyed by said town of Bridgewater, and the inhabitants thereof since its incorporation, and

WHEREAS, Certain ordinances and resolutions were in good faith adopted and passed by the town council of said town, and

WHEREAS, The records of said town council were improperly kept and failed to show the proceedings had and done by the town council in the adoption of said ordinances and in some instances failed to show the signatures of the mayor and recorder thereto, and

WHEREAS, Said ordinances were read in council and published as by law required, but the record fails to so show, but does show that more than one ordinance was included in the final vote of the council adopting said ordinances, and

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of the incorporation of the town of Bridgewater, Adair county, Iowa; the election of its officers; the passage of ordinances and resolutions passed by the town council of said town and the signing of the same by the mayor and recorder; the tax levies, general and special, and fines and convictions under and by virtue of the ordinances thereof, and all other acts done by said town as an incorporated town, or by officers thereof;

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

SECTION 1. Incorporation, election, acts, resolutions and ordinances legalized—pending litigation. That the incorporation of the town of Bridgewater, Adair county, Iowa; the votes taken upon the incorporation thereof and upon the election of its officers; the passage or adoption by its council of resolutions and ordinances not in contravention of the laws of Iowa, the appearance of the signatures of the mayor and recorder of said town thereto or the failure to attach such signatures or the failure of such signatures to appear; and all the acts and doings of said town and its officers in adopting, recording and enforcing its said ordinances and in the collection of fines and licenses and taxes levied and collected by said town under and by virtue of its said resolutions and ordinances; be and the same are hereby legalized and are hereby declared to be valid and binding in all respects the same as though the requirements of the law had been strictly and fully complied with in every particular in voting for the incorporation of said town, in the election of its officers, the passage and adoption of all its ordinances and resolutions, in the making of its tax levies and the enforcement of its ordinances, and all its official acts as an incorporated town are hereby made legal

and binding and given full force and effect but nothing in this act shall in any way affect pending litigation.

SEC. 2. **In effect.** This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Des Moines Register and Leader, a newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and in the Bridgewater Times, a newspaper published at Bridgewater, Adair county, Iowa; both publications to be without expense to the state of Iowa.

Approved March 28, A. D. 1907.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader, March 30, 1907, and the Bridgewater Times, April 5, 1907.

W. C. HAYWARD,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 261.

THE CITY OF CENTERVILLE.

H. F. 478.

AN ACT to legalize the annexation of certain territory to the city of Centerville, Appanoose county, Iowa, and the election of officers by said city as enlarged.

WHEREAS, On the 17th day of December, 1906, the city council of the city of Centerville, Iowa, under the provisions of section six hundred fifteen (615) of the code of Iowa, 1897, enlarged the boundaries of the said city in accordance with the terms of the resolution provided for in said section,

WHEREAS, On the 15th day of January, 1907, an election was held to determine whether said territory should be annexed to the city, at which election the electors residing in the territory proposed to be annexed, together with the electors of the original city, voted upon said question, and

WHEREAS, A proclamation announcing the result of said election was duly published by the mayor, and

WHEREAS, Neither the proclamation of the mayor of the time and place of holding said election, nor the proclamation announcing the result of said election were spread upon the records of said city, and

WHEREAS, Thereafter, to-wit, on the 4th day of February, 1907, an ordinance was passed by the city council of the city of Centerville, Iowa, establishing new ward lines to accord with the annexed territory, and

WHEREAS, On the 25th day of March, 1907, an election of city officers was had in the city of Centerville, Iowa, as enlarged, and

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of said annexation so made, the creation of new ward lines by the passage of the ordinance referred to, and the validity of the election held as above referred to on the 25th day of March, 1907, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. **Annexation of territory, election, acts and ordinances legalized.** That the annexation to the city of Centerville, Iowa, of the territory herein referred to, the creation of new ward lines and the election of city officers in the city thus enlarged, on the 25th day of March, 1907, and all acts done and ordinances and resolutions passed by the city council of the city of Centerville, Iowa, in reference to said annexation and election be and the same is hereby legalized and declared to be valid and binding the same as