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5 Onawa, Iowa, without expense to the state.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Onawa Sentinel March 18, 1915 and in the Register and Leader March 19, 1915.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 38.

### TOWN OF BLAKESBURG.

S. F. 259.

AN ACT to legalize all the elections of the town of Blakesburg, in the county of Wapello and state of Iowa, and all acts performed and proceedings held or undertaken, and all ordinances and resolutions, or amendments thereto, passed by the town council of said town, and all the official acts of the town officers of said town, since the passage of an act relating to the organization of cities and towns and known as chapter twenty-six (26) of the acts of the thirty-second general assembly; and defining the terms of office of the councilmen and officers of said town, and providing for future elections therein.

WHEREAS, in the election of the members of the town council and other town officers in and for the town of Blakesburg in the county of Wapello, state of Iowa, held since the passage and going into effect of an act relating to the organization of cities and towns and known as chapter twenty-six (26) of the acts of the thirty-second general assembly of the state of Iowa, no notice has been taken of said act, but said elections inadvertently have been held and members of the town council and other town officers nominated and elected without reference thereto, but in accordance with the statutes previously existing in relation to such elections, and as if the said statutes were still in full force and effect and unrepealed and unamended; and

WHEREAS, at a town election so held on the last Monday in March A. D. 1913, Benjamin Abegg was duly elected as mayor, John H. Belles was duly elected as treasurer, Earl Roberts was duly elected as assessor and S. C. Snow was duly elected as councilman, and at a town election held on the last Monday in March A. D. 1914, Everett Rowe, William Thompson, Martin Huber and Calvin Smith were duly elected as councilmen, and

WHEREAS, the said persons have duly qualified and have filled the offices to which they were respectively elected and performed divers official acts; and

WHEREAS, said town council duly organized and elected John W. Torrence as clerk and he duly qualified; and

WHEREAS, the town council of said town has acted and proceeded in all matters as if the said persons so elected as councilmen had been legally elected and were legally entitled to membership therein, and said town council so composed in whole or in part of said persons has undertaken to pass various ordinances and resolutions and to perform other official acts; and

WHEREAS, doubt has arisen as to the legality of all the ordinances, resolutions, and amendments to ordinances and resolutions, passed by the said

council of the said town of Blakesburg, and as to the legality of all of its acts and proceedings and those of the said town officers elected as aforesaid; now therefore

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

1     **SECTION 1. Ordinances, etc., legalized.** That all of the elections  
2 of the town of Blakesburg, in the county of Wapello, state of Iowa,  
3 held since the passage of an act relating to the organization of cities  
4 and towns and known as chapter twenty-six (26) of the acts of the  
5 thirty-second general assembly of the state of Iowa, and all of the  
6 acts performed and proceedings held or undertaken, and all of the  
7 ordinances, or amendments thereto, passed by the said town council  
8 of said town of Blakesburg, and all the official acts of the town  
9 officers of said town acting as such officers performed or undertaken  
10 since the passage of said act, and not in contravention of the laws of  
11 the state, are hereby legalized and declared to be valid and binding  
12 the same as if the said act had not been passed and the law had been  
13 in all respects strictly complied with in the elections of said town  
14 officers and members of said town council.

1     **SEC. 2. Official status declared.** That all of the persons before  
2 named elected as aforesaid as officers and councilmen of the said town  
3 are hereby declared to have been duly and legally elected and to be  
4 now legally acting as such, and the terms of office of said officers  
5 and councilmen, and each of them, shall continue as hereinafter pro-  
6 vided.

1     **SEC. 3. Election ordered.** That on the last Monday in March,  
2 A. D. 1916, there shall be held an election in said town of Blakesburg  
3 at which there shall be elected a mayor, treasurer, assessor, and five  
4 councilmen at large as provided in chapter twenty-six (26) of the  
5 acts of the thirty-second general assembly, and the councilmen so  
6 elected shall compose the town council and be the successors of the  
7 councilmen now in office and shall at their first meeting appoint  
8 a clerk as provided by section seven (7), of said chapter twenty-six  
9 (26). That the present town officers and councilmen of the said  
10 town shall continue to hold office as such, but only until their suc-  
11 cessors are elected, or appointed, and qualified in the year 1916, as  
12 herein provided. That thereafter all of the town officers and council-  
13 men of the said town of Blakesburg shall be elected or appointed  
14 biennially as now provided by law.

1     **SEC. 4. Pending litigation.** Nothing in this act shall affect any  
2 pending litigation.

1     **SEC. 5. Publication clause.** This act being deemed of immediate  
2 importance shall be in force and effect from and after its publication  
3 in the Des Moines News, a newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa,  
4 and The Blakesburg Excelsior, a newspaper published at Blakesburg,  
5 Iowa; said publication to be without expense to the state.

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W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*