

J. M. PARKER, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred house file No. 508, a bill for an act to legalize the annexation of certain territory to the city of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

J. M. PARKER, *Chairman.*

Ordered passed on file.

HOUSE FILE NO. 508.]

[BY STEPHENS.

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO LEGALIZE THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF CEDAR RAPIDS, IN LINN COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 51, TITLE IX OF THE REVISION OF 1860.

WHEREAS, The circuit court of the county of Linn, state of Iowa, under the provisions of
2 chapter fifty-one, title IX of the Revision of 1860, on January twenty-seventh, 1870, on a
3 petition before that day filed, ordered that all the territory in said petition particularly
4 described might be annexed to the city of Cedar Rapids, in said county;

5 WHEREAS, Without waiting the two months as provided in said chapter, the proper
6 authority of said city of Cedar Rapids did provide, by an ordinance passed February twenty-
7 first, 1870, for the submission to the electors of said city of the question whether such pro-
8 posed annexation should be made at a general election of said city, held March seventh, 1870,
9 at which election a majority of said electors was voted in favor of said annexation;

10 WHEREAS, March twenty-fifth, 1870, in pursuance of said vote, the proper authority of said
11 city did pass an ordinance declaring that said territory had been annexed, and since said date
12 said territory has in all respects been treated and considered a part of said city;

13 WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the legality of the said annexation, and the operation
14 of the ordinances of said city, since passed, over the said annexed territory, and the city
15 taxes levied thereon; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the annexation
2 of certain territory to the city of Cedar Rapids, done under an order of the circuit court of
3 Linn county, state of Iowa, entered of record January twenty-seven, 1870, upon a petition
4 previously filed in said court, wherein said territory is particularly described, be and the
5 same is hereby legalized and confirmed to the same extent and with the same force and
6 effect as if two months had elapsed after the date of said order of court before any proceed-
7 ings by the lawful authority of said city were had thereunder, and that all the acts and ordi-
8 nances of the common council of said city in any manner relating to or affecting said
9 annexed territory be and the same are hereby made legal to the same extent as if the law
10 relating to the annexation of said territory had been fully complied with.

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after
2 its publication in the *Iowa State Register*, a newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and
3 the Cedar Rapids *Times*, a newspaper published at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, without expense to
4 the state.