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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 66.
Amendment to section 4. In line four of section four, say seven for five.

Amendment to section five. In line 2 of section 5, instead of the word five insert seven.

After the word "provided" in line 14, section 4, insert the following:

Provided further, that if any such city has more than the requisite inhabitants for two districts, then and in such event sufficient outlying territory may be added to such city to make three districts. The supervisors in such city districts shall all be elected at large, and the balance of that territory outside of such city districts shall be divided so as to create seven districts including such city districts.

In section 4, line 13, strike out the words "a double number," and insert in lieu thereof the word "number."

To section 5, after the word "two" at the end of line 3, add the words "or more."

In line 5, section 7, strike out the word "two" in both places when it precedes the word supervisors and insert "four."

In line 5, section 8, strike out the word "five" and insert the word "seven."

After "require" in line 4, section 5: Provided, however, that notices of such meeting shall be posted in three conspicuous places at least 10 days before such meeting.

Strike out all of section 76.

SEC. 14. The county clerk shall at least twenty days before the second Tuesday in April, designate some central and convenient place in each town for holding the first town meeting.

SEC. 15. The county clerk shall thereupon make out notices stating the time (which shall be the first Tuesday in April thereafter) and place for holding the first town meeting. Such notice shall be posted by the sheriff in some public place in said town at least fifteen days before holding of the meeting.

SEC. 16. The first town meeting shall be conducted in the manner as other town meetings hereinafter provided for.

SEC. 17. The corporate name of each town shall be the town of (name of town) and all acts done by the town and all actions by or against the town shall be in its corporate name.

SEC. 18. At the first town meeting held as provided in section 14 of this act, the qualified electors of each town shall elect by ballot from their own number, one town treasurer, one constable, one overseer of roads in each road district within the township, three judges of election, and two clerks of election, all of whom shall duly qualify as provided by law and shall hold their offices until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. The bonds of the officers mentioned in this section shall be approved by the town board.

SEC. 19. The town clerk, the town assessor, and the justice of the peace shall be and constitute the town board, and shall within twenty (20) days after the first meeting meet and approve all official bonds.

SEC. 20. All township offices provided for by appointment, as provided for in preceding sections, shall be filled at the next general election, held in November following such appointment, and thereafter the officers elected

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shall qualify and assume their respective offices as provided by law in respect to those offices.

SEC. 21. Every town shall have corporate capacity to exercise the powers granted thereto, or necessarily implied, and no others. It shall have power: First—to sue and be sued. Second—to acquire, by purchase, gift, or to devise, and to hold property, both real and personal, for the use of its inhabitants, and again to sell and convey the same. Third—to make all such contracts as may be necessary in the exercise of the powers of the town.

SEC. 22. The electors present at the annual town meeting shall have power: First—to make all orders for sale, conveyance, regulation or use of the corporate property of the town that may be deemed conducive to the interests of the inhabitants. Second—to take all necessary measures and give directions for the exercise of their corporate powers. Third—to provide for the institution, defense or disposition of suits at law or in equity in which the town is interested.

Fourth, to take such action as shall induce the planting and cultivation of trees along the highways in such towns, and to protect and preserve trees standing along or on highways.

Fifth—to construct and keep in repair public wells and to regulate the use thereof. Sixth—to prevent the exposure or deposit of offensive or injurious substances within the limits of the town. Seventh—to make such by-laws, rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary to carry into effect the powers herein granted, and to impose such fines and penalties, not exceeding \$20,000 for one offense, as shall be deemed proper, except when a fine or penalty is already allowed by law, such fine or penalty to be imposed by any justice of the peace of the town where the offense is committed.

Eighth—to direct the raising of the money by taxation for the following purposes: 1st. For constructing or repairing roads and bridges within the town to the extent allowed by law. 2nd. For prosecution or defense of suits by or against the town or in which it is interested. 3d. For any other purpose required by law. 4th. For the purpose of building or repairing bridges over streams dividing said town from any other town. 5th. For the support of the poor within the town; Provided, that when the county board of any county shall have established a poor-house under any statute law of this state, the support of the poor shall be provided for by the county board, and no taxes for that purpose shall be voted by the electors at town meetings except sufficient to provide temporary relief. 6th. For the compensation of town officers at the rate allowed by law, and when no rate is fixed for such amount as the electors may direct.

Ninth—to guard against the destruction of property in said town by prairie fire. Tenth—to restrain, regulate, or prohibit the running at large of cattle, horses, mules, asses, swine, sheep and goats, and determine when such animals may go at large, if at all; Provided, that all votes thereupon shall be by ballot. Eleventh—to authorize the distraining, impounding and sale of cattle, horses, mules, asses, sheep goats and swine for penalties incurred and costs of proceedings; Provided, that the owner of such animals shall have the right to redeem the same from the purchaser thereof at any time within one month from the day of sale, by paying the amount of the purchaser's bid, with reasonable cost for their keeping, and interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum.

SEC. 23. In case any town in any county wherein township organization has been or may be adopted shall refuse or neglect to organize and elect town officers at the time fixed by law, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of the county, upon the affidavit of any freeholder, resident of said town, filed in the office of the county clerk, setting forth the facts, to proceed at any regular or special meeting of the board and appoint necessary town officers for such town, and the persons so appointed shall hold their respective offices until others are chosen or appointed in their places, and shall have the same power and be subject to the same duties and penalties as if they had been duly chosen by the electors of the town.

SEC. 24. Whenever it shall be made to appear to the board of super-

visors that the town officers appointed by them or by any preceding board, as provided in the foregoing section, have failed to qualify as required by law, so that such town cannot become organized, the board of supervisors may annex such town to any adjoining town, and the same town so annexed shall thereafter form and constitute a part of such adjoining town.

SEC. 25. The citizens of the several towns of the state, qualified by the constitution to vote at general election, shall assemble and hold annual town meetings at their respective towns on the first Tuesday in April, at such place in such town as the electors thereof at their annual town meetings shall from time to time appoint. And notices of the time and place of holding such meeting, after the first meeting, shall be given by the town clerk by posting up written or printed notices in three of the most public places in said town, at least ten days prior to said meeting.

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(All interested in this law should cut it out and save it. It will take about four issues to complete it.)

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Prof Dresbach of Guide Rock attended church at Eckley last Sunday.

Mr. Hayden from near Guide Rock was visiting at Mr. Anderson's Sunday.

Reese Thompson has put about 30 of horses in the pasture on the John Thompson place.

Dave Fishel and Mary Crozier spent last Sunday at Mr. Hendrix's at Prairie Gem.

Miss Ella VanWort of Guide Rock attended church at Eckley last Sunday in company with Rev. Seymour and wife.

Mr. Tarmans from Guide Rock were visiting at Mr. Ogilvie's last Sunday.

The young people gathered at Will Crozier's one night last week and ate ice cream and had a good time generally.

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