

MR. GLASGOW, from the Committee on Cities and Towns, submitted the following report:

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Cities and Towns, to whom was referred house file No. 273, a bill for an act to provide for the collection of road poll-tax, in cities acting under special charter, 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.

Ordered passed on file.

S. L. GLASGOW, *Chairman*.

HOUSE FILE NO. 273.]

[BY EGBERT.]

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PAYMENT OF ROAD POLL-TAX IN CITIES ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER SPECIAL CHARTERS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That all cities
2 organized and existing under special charters shall have power to enforce the payment of the road
3 poll-tax now provided by law, by suits, penalty or fines, and to that end may provide by ordinance
4 that a failure to pay such tax shall be a misdemeanor, and punished accordingly.

SEC. 2, This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect immediately after its
2 publication in the *Iowa State Register*, a newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and in the
3 *Davenport Gazette*, a newspaper published at Davenport, Iowa.

WHEREAS, While under our special charter our city is invested with authority to require all able bodied male residents, between the ages of 21 and 50, to perform two days' labor upon the streets and highways, or to pay the sum of not more than two dollars for such day's delinquency, it has not been able, but to a limited extent, to enforce such statute, as a very considerable portion of those who should pay such road poll-tax, while they may be abundantly able to pay the same, have neither property that can be touched on execution or upon which said tax can operate as a lien, therefore said tax falls frequently and unequally upon those who are willing, or who can be made, to pay; that in order to obviate the difficulty named, the city should be invested with power to make a failure to pay such road poll-tax, upon proper demand therefor, a misdemeanor, and punishable as such: therefore, be it

Resolved, by the City Council of the city of Davenport, That the general assembly of the state of Iowa be requested to grant the necessary legislation to remedy the evil complained of, and that the city clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to our senator and representative, representing this county in the present legislature.

Adopted.