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FOR AN ACT TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY BY INCORPORATED CITIES.

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3 general incorporation laws of the state of Iowa, to report to the city council of such city, at its
4 regular meeting in the month of January in each year, a detailed statement of the probable income
5 or resources of such city from all sources for the ensuing year, and also a detailed statement of the
6 estimated necessary expenditures of such city for the payment of the salaries of its officers, police
7 and fire departments, for the payment of interest, for gas, water supply, and all ordinary expendi-
8 tures of such city.

SEC. 2. Said council shall thereupon, by ordinance duly adopted, appropriate said resources,
2 or so much thereof as they may deem prudent, to the various purposes for which such cities are
3 by law authorized to expend money; and they may set aside a portion of such resources as a
4 reserve fund. And in case such city shall be in debt in an amount equal to five per centum upon
5 the value of the taxable property within said city, then said council shall, in said ordinance,
6 appropriate and set apart at least five per centum of the general revenues of such city for the
7 purpose of paying off such indebtedness, but only one appropriation ordinance shall be adopted
8 in each year.

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2 the purposes for which such assessments were made respectively, nor shall they be used for, or
3 applied to, any other purpose until all the liabilities of such city, incurred for the purposes for
4 which such assessments were made, have been fully satisfied.

SEC. 4. No warrant or order shall be drawn upon the city treasurer until after the same shall
2 have been authorized by the city council, and said council shall also designate the fund on which
3 such order shall be drawn; but no warrant or order shall be drawn upon the reserve fund unless
4 the same shall be authorized by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of such council.

SEC. 5. The auditor or clerk, as the case may be, of every such city, shall at each regular
2 meeting of such council report thereto the amount of warrants or orders drawn on each fund since

3 the last meeting of the council, the amount authorized to be drawn from each fund and for which
4 no warrants or orders have been issued, and the balance remaining of each fund after deducting
5 the warrants or orders issued, and expenditures authorized but for which no warrants or orders
6 have been issued.

SEC. 6. On and after the first Monday in January, 1881, no council of any such city, either of
2 the first or second class, shall contract any indebtedness or liability on account of any of the funds
3 of said city, as herein provided, in excess of the amount appropriated thereto, unless the same shall
4 be authorized by three-fourths of all the members of such council, nor shall any such indebtedness
5 be authorized or contracted unless the act authorizing or contracting therefor shall designate the
6 fund from which the same shall be paid; and all such indebtedness shall be first paid out of the
7 next appropriation to such fund, but no warrants shall be drawn upon any fund in excess of the
8 amount appropriated to such fund.

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2 such appropriated fund for any purpose other than that for which such fund was appropriated, as
3 shown by such appropriation ordinance.

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2 and not paid for want of funds, showing the number of each warrant, its date, to whom payable,
3 by whom presented, the date of presentation, and the amount thereof; and all warrants except
4 those drawn to pay interest on the indebtedness of the city shall be payable in the order of their
5 presentation, as shown by such record.

SEC. 9. In case any warrants drawn upon any fund as herein authorized shall remain unpaid
2 at the regular meeting of the council in the month of January following the issuance thereof, the
3 number and amount of such unpaid warrants shall be, by the auditor or clerk, as the case may be,
4 reported to the city council, and such council shall provide for the payment thereof in the appo-
5 priation ordinance next thereafter adopted.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Cities and Towns, to whom was referred house file No. 327, a bill for an act to regulate the expenditure of money by incorporated cities, 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.*

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