

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT GRANTING POWERS TO CITIES OF THE FIRST-CLASS, ORGANIZED AS SUCH SINCE JANUARY FIRST, 1886, IN RELATION TO SEWERS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF STREETS AND ALLEYS AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT THEREFOR, BY ISSUING BONDS AND THE LEVY OF A TAX, IN ADDITION TO, AND AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 162, LAWS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA, AND CHAPTER 20, LAWS OF THE TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA.

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

SECTION 1. That all the provisions of chapter 162, of the laws of the Seventeenth General  
2 Assembly of the State of Iowa and amendments and acts supplementary thereto shall be  
3 applicable to and hereby conferred upon cities of the first-class, organized as such since  
4 January 1st, 1886, notwithstanding the fact that any such city may have, prior to the time  
5 of becoming such city of the first-class, commenced a general system of sewerage by the  
6 levy and expenditure of any tax therefor, under the provision of chapter 107 of the acts of  
7 the Sixteenth General Assembly of Iowa.

SEC. 2. That any city of the first-class organized as such since January 1st, A. D., 1886, in  
2 addition to the requirements of chapter 20, of the laws of the Twentieth General Assembly  
3 of Iowa may provide by ordinance that any part of the expense of opening, widening, ex-  
4 tending and grading only of any street, highway, avenue or alley in front of or alongside  
5 of abutting property that is, under said act, subject to special assessment therefor shall be  
6 paid by the city instead of assessing the whole cost to such abutting property as therein re-  
7 quired and in such case the same may be paid for in the same manner as street intersec-  
8 tions and spaces in front of city property under section 5 of said chapter 20 and this sec-  
9 tion shall be deemed a part of said chapter 20.

SEC. 3. That such cities of the first class organized as such since January 1st, 1886, for the  
2 purpose of paying the city improvement bonds, authorized under section 5 of said chapter  
3 20, of the laws of the Twentieth General Assembly or of paying for such improvements  
4 themselves and those authorized by section 2 hereof, are hereby authorized and required to  
5 levy annually until the same is paid for, a special city improvement tax upon all the prop-  
6 erty within the city not exceeding three mills on the dollar to be collected the same as  
7 other taxes and the money so arising therefrom shall constitute a special fund for the pay-

8 ment of said bonds and interest and improvements to be used and appropriated to no other  
9 purpose. In issuing such city improvement bonds in such city under said section 5 and  
10 section 2 hereof, such city may make any of the same become due at periods as soon as such  
11 levy will provide sufficient funds for the payment of the same and such bonds shall be  
12 deemed issued in anticipation of the revenue herein provided for their payment.

SEC. 4. That any officer of such city or member of the city council who shall participate  
2 in or assist in any diversion of said tax or the moneys collected thereunder to any other  
3 purpose than those provided in this act shall be guilty of the crime of embezzlement and be  
4 punished accordingly.

SEC. 5. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall and take effect and be in  
2 force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Leader and the Iowa State Register,  
3 newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.