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House File 35

January 14, 1947.
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By GENERAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section four hundred four point five (404.5), Code 1946, relating to general powers of cities and towns to levy special taxes to build, purchase or remodel a city or town hall.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Subsection twenty-eight (28), section four
2 hundred four point five (404.5), Code 1946, is hereby repealed
3 and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

4 "CITY HALL FUND. Any city with a population of more than
5 seventy thousand, not exceeding one and one-half mills for not
6 more than twenty years and any city with a population of more
7 than four thousand but less than seventy thousand, one-half mill
8 for the same period, and any city with a population of less than
9 four thousand and any town, not exceeding one and one-fourth
10 mills for the same period, which in each case shall be used only
11 to build, purchase or remodel any building or structure
12 specifically referred to in section three hundred sixty-eight
13 point forty-one (368.41) and a site therefor."

1 Sec. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall
2 be in full force and effect from and after its publication in
3 the, a newspaper published at

4 Iowa, and in the, a newspaper published
5 at, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 35

The purpose of this amendment is to provide for sufficient funds with which to complete a municipal auditorium in Sioux City, Iowa. In 1938 the people of Sioux City by referendum authorized the construction of a municipal auditorium and an expenditure for said purpose of \$590,000. A bond issue for that amount was had by the city and the foundation for said building was constructed in the fall of 1941 at an expenditure of approximately \$200,000, leaving available for the construction of said building approximately \$410,000. Completion of the building was delayed by reason of World War II. Since the construction of the foundation in 1941 increased cost of building makes it impossible for the city to complete the proposed structure without additional funds. This act would give the city of Sioux City the right to levy not to exceed an additional one mill each year for twenty years. Any additional bond issue under this act would have to be authorized by a vote of the people of Sioux City.

The act does not change the existing law except in that it provides for a one and one-half mill tax levy each year for cities of a population over 70,000 rather than the one-half mill tax now provided for.

The proposed amendment has been endorsed by resolutions of the civic organizations of the city.