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House File 102

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Cities and Towns.

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A BILL FOR

An Act to authorize a tax levy in cities and towns including special charter cities for the purpose of providing a fund for the maintenance or employment of a symphony orchestra and providing for submission of the question of the levying of a tax for such purposes to the voters of such cities and towns.

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

1 Section 1. Cities including special charter
2 cities having a population of over seventy-five
3 thousand and less than one hundred twenty-five thousand
4 may when authorized as herein provided levy each year
5 a tax of not to exceed one-eighth of a mill for the
6 purpose of providing a fund for the maintenance or
7 employment of a symphony orchestra for musical purposes;
8 provided, however, that where there is maintained or
9 employed in such city a symphony orchestra, not for
10 profit under chapter five hundred four (504), Code,
11 1946, for educational purposes throughout the entire
12 year, which, as a part of such educational program
13 trains and maintains throughout the entire year
14 subsidiary units of such orchestra whereby the

15 youth of the city receive instruction and training
16 in symphony music, an additional tax of not to
17 exceed one-eighth mill may be levied for such
18 educational purposes without further authorization
19 by an election.

1 Sec. 2. Said authority shall be initiated by
2 a petition signed by ten per cent of the legal
3 voters of the city, as shown by the last municipal
4 election. Said petition shall be filed with the
5 council or commission and shall request that the
6 following question be submitted to the voters,
7 to-wit: "Shall a tax of not exceeding one-eighth
8 mill be levied each year for the purpose of fur-
9 nishing a symphony orchestra fund?"

1 Sec. 3. When such petition is filed, the
2 council or commission shall cause such question
3 to be submitted to the voters at the first following
4 municipal election.

1 Sec. 4. Said levy shall be deemed authorized
2 if a majority of the voters cast at said election
3 be in favor of said proposition, and the council
4 or commission shall then levy a tax sufficient to
5 support or employ such orchestra not to exceed one-
6 eighth mill on the assessed property of such city.

1 Sec. 5. A like petition may at any time be
2 presented to the council or commission asking that

3 the following proposition be submitted, to-wit:

4 "Shall the power to levy a tax for the maintenance
5 or employment of a symphony orchestra be canceled?"

6 Said question shall be presented at any general
7 municipal election as heretofore provided, and if
8 a majority of the voters cast in favor of said
9 question, no further levy for said purpose shall
10 be made.

1 Sec. 6. All funds derived from said levy
2 shall be expended as set forth in section 1 hereof
3 by the council or commission.

1 Sec. 7. This act being deemed of immediate
2 importance shall take effect and be in force from
3 and after its publication in the Pierson Progress,
4 a newspaper published at Pierson, Iowa,
5 and the Sioux City Journal-Tribune, a newspaper
6 published at Sioux City, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 102

This bill permits cities, including special charter cities with a population of more than seventy-five thousand and less than one hundred twenty-five thousand, to levy one-eighth mill for the maintenance of a symphony orchestra.

This bill applies only to Sioux City, Iowa, and is so limited by population reference.

This measure has the indorsement of civic organizations in Sioux City. The work of the symphony, as is proposed, coordinates all public school music activities.