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County and Township Affairs.

House File 234
By MORRIS and ECKELS.

Passed House, Date .....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved .....

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section four hundred five point three (405.3), Code 1950, relating to the appointment of city assessors, and section four hundred five point eight (405.8), Code 1950, relating to the appointment of deputy assessors, and section four hundred forty-one point three (441.3), Code 1950, relating to the appointment of county assessors or deputy county assessors, and to remove the requirements in such statutes that assessors or deputy assessors must be residents or qualified electors of the assessment district.

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

1 Section 1. Section four hundred five point three (405.3),
2 Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking all of lines thirty
3 (30) and thirty-one (31).

1 Sec. 2. Section four hundred five point eight (405.8),
2 Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking all of line fourteen
3 (14) and the words "eligible to take this examination" from
4 line fifteen (15).

1 Sec. 3. Section four hundred forty-one point three (441.3),
2 Code 1950, is hereby amended by placing a period after the word
3 "be" in line seventy-one (71), and by striking from line seventy-
4 one (71) the words "but such appointee shall have been a resi-".

5 Further amend section three (3) by striking all of lines seventy-

6 two (72) and seventy-three (73).

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 234

Under the present statute assessors and deputies are required to be qualified electors, in the case of city assessors and residents of the county for one (1) year, in the case of county assessors in order to be eligible for examination or appointment to their position. Removal of the residence requirements would enable qualified assessors to compete for appointment in larger districts, and would enable trained deputies to compete for appointment in other districts. There are communities in the state where there are not available persons qualified by skill or training to fill the position of assessor should there be a vacany. Many counties do not now have a deputy assessor who is being trained to handle the position of the assessor. Under this proposed amendment, in case of a vacancy in such district, a trained and experienced deputy from another district could be eligible to fill such a vacancy.