

February 12, 1951.
Ways and Means.

House File 394
By RYAN and McNEAL.

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

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section four hundred forty-one point
fourteen (441.14), Code 1950, relating to the
taxation of platted real estate.

WHEREAS, due to the increased population, additional
housing units in the state are greatly needed and the
construction thereof is retarded because of a scarcity of
developed building lots as sites therefor; and

WHEREAS, the owners of real estate have been reluctant
to develop and plat such residential lots because of
anticipated increased taxes thereon; and

WHEREAS, it is declared to be the policy of this state
to encourage the platting of real estate into residential
lots as sites for additional dwelling units; NOW THEREFORE

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

1 Section 1. Section four hundred forty-one point
2 fourteen (441.14), Code 1950, is amended by adding thereto
3 the following:

4 "A residential lot, until improved by the completion
5 of a dwelling unit thereon or until the expiration of a
6 period of five years from the recording of its original
7 plat, whichever first occurs, shall be assessed at not in
8 excess of that proportion of the value of the entire tract

9 at last assessed before being platted, that its area bears
10 to the area of the entire tract so platted.”

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 394

The construction of additional housing units is being retarded because of a lack of developed building lots. Owners of real estate are reluctant to develop and plat such residential lots because under the present law they would immediately be faced with increased taxes. This act would provide for assessment of the lots on the same basis as before they were platted until they are improved by completion of a dwelling unit, or until the expiration of five years from recording the original plat, whichever occurs first.