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House File 8

By CARSTENSEN and CAMP.

Passed House, Date 2-1-63

Passed Senate, Date 2-22-63

Vote: Ayes 95 Nays 0

Vote: Ayes 44 Nays 2

Approved 2-27-63

A BILL FOR

An Act to provide equal population for city and town wards.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section three hundred sixty-three point seven
- 2 (363.7), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding the following:
- 3 "Any ordinance of annexation entered into or ordinance passed
- 4 by a city or town or cities and towns prior to the year 1900
- 5 that prevents or has prevented an equal population of wards as
- 6 provided by this section or provides that a specified number of
- 7 representatives on the city or town council shall represent
- 8 certain wards may be amended by a simple majority of votes of
- 9 the existing city or town council, any provisions in the city or
- 10 town charter, rules, ordinances, or ordinances of annexation
- 11 notwithstanding."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 8

This bill provides that ordinances entered into by a city or town council prior to the year 1900, preventing an equal population of wards, may be amended by a simple majority of votes of the new existing city or town council. This will enable the clear intention of the statute to be accomplished in those cases where ordinances of annexation, ordinances and rules passed prior to 1900 have in actuality prevented such intention.