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Cities and Towns. *Pass 3/2*

House File 344
By MOWRY (Lisle).

Passed House, Date *3-29-63*

Passed Senate, Date *5-2-63*

Vote: Ayes *80* Nays *0*

Vote: Ayes *49* Nays *0*

Approved *May 6, 1963*

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A BILL FOR

An Act to empower the mayor in all cities and towns where the council is composed only four members to vote on any and all matters where the vote of the council is evenly divided.

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

1 Section 1. In all cities and towns in Iowa organized
2 under the mayor-council form of government, where the council
3 is composed of only four members, the mayor shall have the
4 right and power to vote on all matters where the vote of the
5 council is evenly divided. The mayor shall have this right
6 and power to vote on any and all matters of city or town
7 business including ordinances, resolutions, appropriations
8 and expenditures.

1 Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,
2 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage
3 and publication in The Clarinda Herald-Journal, a newspaper
4 published at Clarinda, Iowa, and in The Evening Sentinel, a
5 newspaper published at Shenandoah, Iowa, all without expense
6 to the state of Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 344

Under present interpretation of existing statutes the mayor cannot vote in case of a tie vote by the city council. This bill would allow such a vote where there are but four council members.