

February 28, 1963.
Cities and Towns.

House File 398
By MURRAY.

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

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to intra-city routes of an urban transit system
and to amend section four hundred four point ten (404.10),
Code 1962.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section four hundred four point ten (404.10), Code
- 2 1962, subsection fourteen (14), is amended by striking from lines
- 3 ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12), thirteen (13), and fourteen (14)
- 4 thereof, the following:
- 5 "Such contract shall not be effective unless approved by the
- 6 voters of the municipal corporation at the next general or
- 7 municipal election following the making of such contract."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 398

Existing legislation permits Iowa municipalities to contract with urban transit companies to preserve existing urban bus service or to establish new urban bus service. The law, however, requires that such contracts may not become effective unless approved by the voters at general or municipal election following the publicizing of proposed contract provisions.

The necessity of referendum practically nullifies the useful intentions of the law because emergency corrective measures are not provided.

The intent of this legislation was to extend authority to city councils to correct emergency temporary bus service crises which could, in the sole judgment of city councils, otherwise jeopardize and deprive the citizenry of necessary bus service.