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*Cities & Towns 3/11*

**House File 482**

By MILLER of Page, ANDERSEN  
of Woodbury and ELY.

Passed House, Date.....

Passed Senate, Date.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....

Approved.....

**A BILL FOR**

An Act relating to bids on public improvements made by  
cities and towns.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section twenty-three point eighteen (23.18),
- 2 Code 1962, is amended by adding in line thirty-two (32)
- 3 after the word "when" the following:
- 4 "a city or town does such work using its own equipment
- 5 and employees or".

**EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 482**

Section 23.18 was passed by the 1961 legislature. Its purpose is to require bids on public improvements costing more than \$5,000 which are made by local governments. The question has been raised as to how this law affects municipalities which have been doing certain kinds of construction and repair work, for example blacktopping of streets, using their own equipment and employees. The purpose of this bill is to clarify the law so that such projects may be handled by the municipality if it is equipped to do so. To require bids would prohibit these cities from using the equipment and facilities they now have.