

February 13, 1963.
Appropriations.

H. J. R. 13
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Passed House, Date..... Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays..... Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved.....

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

A Joint Resolution creating a special committee to review and recommend changes in the laws of Iowa relating to the procedure for financing public improvements and the issuance of bonds and other written evidence of indebtedness by municipal corporations, boards and commissions thereof, and other political subdivisions of the state, and making an appropriation therefor.

Whereas, the laws of Iowa relating to the procedure for financing public improvements and the issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness by political subdivisions of the state are numerous, complicated, conflicting, repetitious, and scattered throughout different chapters of the Code, and

Whereas, public officials are handicapped in conducting the business of such political subdivisions by the highly technical, ambiguous, and involved statutory requirements in connection with the procedure for financing public improvements and issuance of bonds and other evidence of indebtedness and by the number and variety of procedures for bonds issued for particular purposes, and

Whereas, at each session the general assembly is confronted by a host of legalizing Acts made necessary through misunderstanding of such varied and complicated procedures, and

Whereas, the public is penalized through higher interest rates and delays incident to constructing and financing needed public improvements and to legalizing particular bond issues and the public credit is impaired by the uncertainties regarding the validity of such issues, now therefore,

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

- 1 Section 1. There is hereby created "The special committee on
- 2 public improvements". The committee shall consist of six (6)
- 3 members as follows: two (2) members of the senate of the six-
- 4 tieth general assembly to be appointed by the president of the
- 5 senate, two (2) members of the house of representatives of the
- 6 sixtieth general assembly to be appointed by the speaker of the
- 7 house of representatives, and two (2) citizens of the state of

8 Iowa to be appointed by the governor. Any vacancy in the member-
9 ship of the committee shall be filled by appointment in the same
10 manner, from the same group, and by the same official as the
11 original appointment. The members of the committee shall elect a
12 chairman from their own number and adopt rules for the conduct of
13 their proceedings.

1 Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the committee to make a
2 comprehensive study of the laws relating to the procedure for
3 constructing and financing public improvements and to the
4 issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness by
5 municipal corporations, boards and commissions thereof, and
6 other political subdivisions of the state. The committee shall
7 also make recommendations as it sees fit as to the codification,
8 simplification, and modification of such laws and of other
9 related laws.

1 Sec. 3. The committee shall have the co-operation of the
2 attorney general and the committee is authorized to call upon any
3 department of the state government in obtaining information
4 deemed useful to the committee.

1 Sec. 4. The committee shall confer with public officials of
2 the several political subdivisions of the state, with associ-
3 ations of such public officials, and with bond attorneys, in-
4 vestment bankers, and other experts in the field of financing
5 public improvements for the purpose of obtaining information
6 pertinent to the work of the committee, and the committee may
7 receive and consider recommendations by such officials and by
8 interested groups of citizens and experts in the field of the
9 committee's work.

1 Sec. 5. The committee shall enter upon its duties as soon

2 as its membership has been appointed. It shall make a report,
3 including drafts of proposed bills which shall be complete with
4 notes, historical references, and tables of corresponding
5 sections, to the governor on or before December 15, 1964. Upon
6 the making of its report to the governor, the committee shall be
7 discharged of its duties imposed by this Resolution. The
8 governor shall cause the necessary number of copies of the report
9 to be printed and shall mail copies to the elected members of
10 the sixty-first general assembly.

1 **Sec. 6.** The committee is hereby empowered to employ a
2 secretary and such clerical and legal assistants as are necessary
3 for the proper conduct of the business of the committee and to
4 fix the compensation of such employees. All members of the com-
5 mittee shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses
6 incurred by them in the discharge of their duties. Members of
7 the committee appointed by the governor shall receive a com-
8 pensation of twenty (20) dollars per day for days actually
9 engaged in work of the committee. Legislative members of the
10 committee shall receive as compensation such amounts as the
11 sixty-first general assembly may allow.

12 The executive council shall provide the committee with neces-
13 sary office supplies and equipment for the conduct of its
14 business.

1 **Sec. 7.** The compensation and expense of committee members
2 and employees, the cost of office supplies and other expenses
3 of the committee incurred in the performance of the duties
4 imposed by this Resolution and the cost of printing the
5 committee's report, but not exceeding thirty-thousand (30,000)
6 dollars in total amount, shall be paid by the state comptroller

7 out of the general fund of the state. The sum of thirty-
 8 thousand (30,000) dollars or so much thereof as may be neces-
 9 sary is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of the state
 10 for the purposes contemplated by this Resolution.

11 The chairman of the committee shall certify the expenses
 12 of the committee as provided by this Resolution to the state
 13 comptroller who shall issue warrants for the same from the funds
 14 herein appropriated.

1 Sec. 8. This Joint Resolution being deemed of immediate
 2 importance, shall be in full force and effect from and after
 3 publication in the _____, a newspaper
 4 published at _____, Iowa, and in the _____,
 5 a newspaper published at _____, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF H. J. R. 13

The purpose of this resolution is to create a special committee who shall study and recommend changes in the law relating to the procedure for financing public improvements and the issuance of bonds by political subdivisions of the state.