

## CHAPTER 48.

## TO EXEMPT FROM TAXATION THE ACCUMULATIONS AND FUNDS OF FRATERNAL BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

S. F. 228.

AN ACT to amend section thirteen hundred and four (1304) of the code, so as to exempt from taxation the accumulations and funds of fraternal beneficiary associations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. **Exemptions.** That section thirteen hundred and four (1304) of the code be amended by adding the following:

“8. The accumulations and funds held or possessed by fraternal beneficiary associations for the purposes of paying the benefits contemplated by section eighteen hundred and twenty-two (1822) of the code, or for the payment of the expenses of such association.”

Approved April 10, A. D. 1906.

## CHAPTER 49.

## LIMIT OF INDEBTEDNESS OF COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

H. F. 119.

AN ACT to repeal section thirteen hundred and six-b (1306-b) of the supplement to the code, and chapter forty-three (43) of the acts of the 30th General Assembly, and to enact a substitute therefor relating to the limit of indebtedness of municipal corporations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. **Repealed—amount of indebtedness limited.** That section thirteen hundred and six-b (1306-b) of the supplement to the code and chapter forty-three (43) of the acts of the 30th General Assembly be and the same are hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

“No county or other political or municipal corporation, shall be allowed to become indebted in any manner or for any purpose, to an amount exceeding in the aggregate the amount of one and one-fourth per centum of the actual value of the taxable property within such county or corporation, except that cities and incorporated towns, may, for the purpose of purchasing, erecting or maintaining and operating waterworks, electric light and power plants, gas works and heating plants or of building and constructing sewers, incur an indebtedness, not exceeding in the aggregate, added to all other indebtedness, five per centum of the actual value of the taxable property within such city or incorporated town. The amount of such taxable property shall be ascertained by the last state and county tax list previous to the incurring of such indebtedness.

“SEC. 2. **Procedure to exceed limitation in cities and towns.** Provided; that before such indebtedness can be contracted in excess of one and one-quarter per centum of the actual value of the taxable property ascertained as above provided in this act, a petition signed by a majority of the qualified electors of such city or town shall be filed with the council of such city or town, asking that an election shall be called, stating the purposes for which the money is to be used and that the necessary water works, electric light and power plants, gas works, heating plants, or sewers, cannot be purchased, erected, built or furnished within the limit of one and one-quarter per centum of the valuation. And provided that in cities having a population of more than ten thousand, the petition need not be signed by more than two hundred qualified electors.

"SEC. 3. **Election called—notice—ballot.** The council of such city or town on the receipt of such petition shall at the next regular meeting call such election, fixing the time and place thereof, and give four weeks' notice thereof, in some newspaper published in the said town or city, or if none be published there, then in the next nearest town or city in the county. At such election the ballots shall be prepared, and used in substantially the following form:

For the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_   
 for water works, electric light and power plants,  
 gas works, heating plants, or sewer purposes,

Against the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_   
 for water works, electric light and power plants,  
 gas works, heating plants, or sewer purposes,

"SEC. 4. **Issuance of bonds.** If a majority, in cities having more than ten thousand, population; or, if, in cities and towns having a population of ten thousand or less, two thirds or more, of all the electors, voting at such election, vote in favor of the issuance of such bonds, the council of such city or town shall issue the same and make provision for the payment of the same and the interest thereon as provided in chapter eight (8) title five (V) of the code.

"SEC. 5. **Construction.** Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to repeal the provisions of chapter one hundred and fourteen (114) of the acts of the 30th General Assembly nor shall anything in this act contained be construed as being applicable to bonds issued under section 745 of the supplement to the code."

SEC. 6. **In effect.** This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Daily Capital, newspapers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved March 30, A. D. 1906.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Daily Capital, April 2, 1906, and the Register and Leader, April 9, 1906.

W. B. MARTIN,  
 Secretary of State.

## CHAPTER 50.

### TAXATION OF NATIONAL, STATE AND SAVINGS BANKS.

S. F. 336.

AN ACT to amend section thirteen hundred and twenty-two (1322) of the code, relating to the taxation of national, state and savings banks and the shares of stock therein.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

SECTION 1. **Assessment of national, state and savings banks.** That section thirteen hundred and twenty-two (1322) of the code be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the last part of said section which reads as follows: "In arriving at the total value of the shares of stock of such corporations, the amount of their capital actually invested in real estate owned by them, shall be deducted from the real value of such shares, and such real estate shall be assessed as other real estate, and the property of such corporations shall not be otherwise assessed", and substituting in lieu thereof the following, to-wit:

"In arriving at the total value of the shares of stock of such corporations, the amount of their capital actually invested in real estate owned by them