

A BILL

FOR AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A HOSPITAL BOARD IN CITIES HAVING A POPULATION OVER TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED, AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTAINING OF A HOSPITAL THEREIN, AND AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN INDEBTEDNESS THEREFOR AND THE LEVY OF A TAX UPON THE PROPERTY IN SUCH CITIES AND TOWNS FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID INDEBTEDNESS, AND PROVIDING CERTAIN CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AN INDEBTEDNESS FOR THIS PURPOSE MAY IN CITIES OF THE SECOND CLASS EXCEED ONE AND ONE-FOURTH PER CENTUM OF THE ACTUAL VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN SUCH CITIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Cities having a population of over twelve thousand five-hundred may by ordinance provide for the election at a general or special election of three hospital trustees, whose terms of office shall be six years, one to be elected each even numbered year, but at the first election three shall be elected and hold their office, respectively, for two, four and six years, and who shall by lot determine their respective terms.

Sec. 2 The said trustees shall within ten days after their election, qualify by taking the oath of office and organize as a hospital board, by the election of one of their number as chairman and one as secretary, but no bond shall be required of them. They shall also elect a treasurer not one of their number who shall give bonds in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, the penalty of which may be increased by the board. The treasurer shall receive and pay out all the moneys under the control of the said board as ordered by it, but shall receive no compensation for his services. No commissioner shall receive any compensation for his services performed, but he may receive reimbursement for any cash expenses actually made for personal expenses incurred as such trustee, but an itemized statement of all such expenses and moneys paid out shall be made under oath by each of such trustees and filed with the secretary and allowed only by the affirmative vote of the full board. Said board of trustees shall be vested with authority to provide for the management, control and government of such city hospital and shall provide all needed rules and regulations for the economic conduct thereof.

Sec. 3. The council of such city may by resolution submit to the qualified electors of the same at a regular or special election, the question whether there shall be levied upon the assessed property thereof a tax not exceeding three mills on the dollar in cities having a pop-

4 ulation of over twenty-two thousand and not exceeding two mills on the dollar in cities having
5 a population of over twelve thousand five hundred and less than twenty-two thousand, for the
6 purchasing of real estate for hospital purposes, and for the construction of such hospital and
7 for maintaining the same, or for either or all of such purposes. The said proposition shall be
8 submitted in the manner provided for similar propositions in the chapter on elections. The
9 council shall in the resolution ordering such elections, specify the rate of taxation proposed
10 and the number of years the same shall be levied not exceeding fifteen (15) years. If a major-
11 ity of the votes cast at such election on the proposition so submitted shall be in favor of the
12 proposition for taxation, the council shall levy the tax so authorized which shall be collected
13 and paid over to the treasurer of such hospital board in the same manner as other taxes are
14 collected. Such taxes shall be known as a "Hospital Fund" and shall be paid out on the order
15 of the trustees for the purposes authorized by this act and for no other purpose whatever.

Sec. 4. Whenever any city having a population of over twelve thousand five-hundred shall
2 by ordinance provide for the election of hospital trustees, and has voted a tax for a term of
3 years not exceeding fifteen (15) years, for hospital purposes as authorized by law, the said city
4 may issue bonds in the name of such city in anticipation of the collection of such tax in
5 such sums and amounts as the city council thereof may deem necessary for the purposes con-
6 templated by such tax, but such bonds in the aggregate shall not exceed the amount which
7 might be realized by said tax based on the amount which may be yielded on the property
8 valuation in the year in which the tax is voted, and such bonds shall mature in fifteen years
9 from date, and shall be in sums of not less than one hundred, nor more than one thousand
10 dollars, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent, per annum, payable annually or
11 semi-annually; said bonds may be payable at pleasure of city after five years and shall not be
12 sold for less than par. Said city, after the issuance of any such bonds shall each year for ten
13 (10) years before the maturity thereof, set aside out of the tax levied by it a sum equal to one-
14 tenth of the principal thereof, which sum shall be applied after 5 years from date of issue
15 in payment of the principal whenever the amount on hand shall be sufficient to pay one or
16 more of said bonds and each of said bonds shall provide that it is subject to this condition.

Sec. 5. If the said board of hospital trustees and the owners of any property desired by
2 them for hospital purposes cannot agree as to the price to be paid therefor, the city council of
3 said city shall cause the same to be condemned in the manner provided for taking land for
4 public purposes by cities.

Sec. 6. The jurisdiction of such cities and towns shall extend over all lands used for
2 hospital purposes without the corporate limits if so located, and all ordinances of such cities
3 and towns shall be in full force and effect in and over the territory occupied by such hospitals.

Sec. 7. In cities exercising the rights granted by this act, the council may appropriate each
2 year, not exceeding five (5) per cent of its general fund for the improvement and maintenance

3 of any hospital so established.

Sec. 8. Cities of the second class shall be allowed to become indebted for the purposes pro-
2 vided in this act to an amount aggregating with all other indebtedness of the said city, in a
3 sum not exceeding two and one-half per centum of the actual value of the property within
4 said city, to be ascertained by the last state and county tax list previous to the incurring of
5 such indebtedness, provided that before an indebtedness shall be contracted in excess of one
6 and one-fourth per centum of the actual value of the taxable property ascertained as pro-
7 vided in section two (2) of chapter forty-one (41) as found in section thirteen-hundred six-b
8 (1306-b) of the Supplement to the Code, a petition signed by a majority of the qualified electors
9 of such city shall be filed with the council of such city, asking that an election shall be called,
10 stating the purposes for which the money is to be used and that the said hospital cannot be pur-
11 chased, built or maintained within the limit of one and one-fourth per centum of the valuation
12 of the taxable property of such city. If two-thirds of all the electors voting at such election,
13 vote in favor of such indebtedness at such election, the council of such city shall issue the
14 bonds as provided in this act to the limit as herein provided.

Sec. 10. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in force from and after
2 its publication in the Register and Leader and in the Des Moines Daily Capital, newspapers
3 published in the city of Des Moines.