

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE, SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE, 1913, AND TO ENACT A SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR.

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

Section 1. That section seven hundred seventy-nine, supplement to the code, 1913, be and
2 the same is hereby repealed and the following is enacted in lieu thereof:
3 They shall have power to provide for the construction, reconstruction and repair of perman-
4 ent sidewalks upon any street, highway, avenue, public ground, wharf, landing or market place
5 within the limits of such city or town; but the construction of permanent sidewalks shall not be
6 made until the bed of the same shall have been graded so that, when completed, such sidewalks
7 will be at the established grade; and to assess the cost thereof, including the expense of con-
8 structing the sidewalk at street intersection corners from the lot line to the established curb
9 lines of the street, on the lots or parcels of land in front of which the same shall be constructed,
10 the cost of such sidewalk at street intersection corners to be assessed against the contiguous
11 corner lot; and the city clerk shall certify the amount of such assessment to the county auditor,
12 and it shall be collected the same as other taxes. But, in cities having a city collector or treas-
13 urer who collects city taxes, the city clerk shall certify the amount of such assessment to such
14 collector or treasurer, and the same shall be collected as other city taxes. Towns shall have
15 the power to make the street improvements provided for in chapter seven of this title, and pay
16 for the same, or any part thereof, out of the general fund, or to assess, levy and collect special
17 taxes for the cost, or any part thereof, against the abutting property, in the manner provided
18 in said chapter. But unless the owners of a majority of the linear feet of the property front-
19 ing on the improvements referred to in this section shall petition the council therefor, the same
20 shall not be made unless three-fourths of all the members of the council shall by vote order the
21 making thereof.