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By ABEL (Johnson)

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Vote: Ayes 75 Nays 0  
Passed Senate, Date 3-27-53  
Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 0  
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## A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter three hundred seventy-eight (378), Code 1950, relating to the power of cities and towns to receive devises and bequests for the use of free libraries; and providing for enlarging the class of persons eligible to be members of the board of library trustees.

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

1 Section 1. Section three hundred seventy-eight point two  
2 (378.2), Code 1950, is hereby amended by adding thereto the  
3 following new sentence:

4 "Cities and towns of not more than two thousand  
5 population, may also receive, hold and dispose of  
6 all devises and bequests that contain a condition  
7 thereof that one non-resident shall be a member of  
8 the board of library trustees."

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred seventy-eight point five  
2 (378.5). Code 1950, is hereby amended by inserting in line  
3 two (2), immediately after the word "town" the words: "except  
4 as qualified by 378.2,".

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred seventy-eight point seven  
2 (378.7), Code 1950, is hereby amended by inserting in line

3 five (5) immediately preceding the word "without" the words:  
4 "and except as qualified by section 378.2,".

1 Sec. 4. This act, being deemed of immediate importance,  
2 shall be in full force and effect after its passage and upon  
3 its publication in The Clayton County Register, a newspaper  
4 published at Elkader, Iowa, and The Guttenberg Press, a  
5 newspaper published at Guttenberg, Iowa.

**This is an identical and companion bill to S. F. 238.**

#### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 305

This bill makes it possible for cities of less than 2,000 population to receive from charitable individuals, devises and bequests that contain a condition that a non-resident be named to the board of library trustees. This will make it possible for cities of this size to receive considerable money in donation and will alleviate the financial problem of the city libraries.