

February 20, 1953.
Compensation of Public Officers.

House File 336
By NELSON of Woodbury, RYAN
and PARKER.

Passed House, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section three hundred sixty-five point two (365.2), and section three hundred sixty-five point twenty-seven (365.27), Code 1950, relating to civil service salaries and attorney under cities and towns.

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

1 Section 1. Section three hundred sixty-five point two
2 (365.2), Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking from line
3 four (4) and line five (5) the following "and shall serve
4 without compensation." and inserting in lieu thereof the
5 following: "each commissioner of the city or town shall
6 receive as his monthly salary in cities and towns having a
7 population of:
8 1 Less than twenty-five thousand (25,000), twelve dollars
9 and fifty cents (\$12.50) per month;
10 2 twenty-five thousand (25,000) to fifty thousand (50,000)
11 fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month;
12 3 fifty thousand (50,000) to seventy-five thousand (75,000),
13 seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per month;
14 4 seventy-five thousand (75,000) and over one hundred dollars
15 (\$100.00) per month."

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred sixty-five point twenty-seven
2 (365.27), Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking from line
3 eleven (11) after the word commission "the period" and add the
4 following: ", except the commission may hire a counselor
5 or an attorney to represent them other than the city attorney
6 or solicitor when in the opinion of the commission there is a
7 conflict of interest between the commission and the city
8 council."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 336

This is an act to provide salaries for the civil service commission. At the present time said commission serves without compensation of any kind, or salary. While it is possible to obtain certain men to accept appointment on the commission, it limits the class of people who may accept said appointments without compensation. This bill will enable the men from every walk of life in the cities to serve on the commission and will make available many men who understand the problems of the civil service employee. The growth and progress of the civil service commission has advanced to such a stage that it is unfair to ask the commissioners to serve without salaries.

In the beginning the civil service commissioner only served once a month, possibly for an hour at a time, but today they must give many hours of their time and attend many meetings. There is involved their transportation, paying for their meals, and many other items of expense.

With the above involved it is unfair to ask anyone to serve without compensation. The salary in this bill would take care of these miscellaneous items.

With reference to the second amendment to this chapter, this amendment is for the express purpose to allow the commission to retain a private attorney, for the reason that many times the manager or the council have suspended, demoted or fired or hired an employee and their views could very well influence their opinion as to the proper disposition of any matter or case. Where the council appoints them and the manager approves the legal staff for the city and they take a definite stand, it is very possible that the city attorney or solicitor may endeavor to sustain the views of the council or manager to the prejudice of the commission or the employee. The retaining of an outside attorney by the commission would place this attorney in a position to represent the commission without fear, favor or prejudice, even though he may oppose the council or manager's views.

1 Amend House File 336 by striking all of section one (1) and
2 inserting in lieu thereof the following:
3 Section three hundred sixty-five point two (365.2), Code
4 1950, is hereby amended by adding to line five (5) after the
5 word "compensation" the following: "except in cities and
6 towns having a population over one hundred thousand (100,000),
7 each commissioner shall receive a salary of fifty dollars
8 (\$50) per month".

Filed
March 23, 1953.

RYAN of Polk.
PARKER of Polk.