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By CITIES AND TOWNS.

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter one hundred sixty-three (163), Acts of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly relating to the government of cities and towns under the commission form of government.

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

1 Section 1. Section three (3), chapter one hundred sixty-
2 three (163), Acts of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly, is
3 amended by striking from lines five (5) and six (6) the words
4 "in this chapter" and inserting in lieu thereof the words
5 "then by law".

1 Sec. 2. Section eleven (11), chapter one hundred sixty-
2 three (163), Acts of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly, is
3 amended by striking from line three (3) the word "ordinance"
4 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "resolution".

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 467

It is believed that the provisions of section 3, chapter 163, Acts of the 54th General Assembly are intended to preserve for each commission form city the number of councilmen authorized at the time the commission form of government was chosen by the electors. However, due to the change in the population figure appearing in sections 1 and 2 from 25,000 to 30,000, section 3 should not provide that in the event of change in the population the number of councilmen and organization shall remain the same "as in this chapter" prescribed for cities of the population such city had at the time its electors voted to adopt such plan of government as shown by the then preceding census." In place of the italicized words it is suggested the following words be substituted: "then by law." If this change is not made a city such as Burlington, with a 1950 population of 30,613, may be required to reduce its five man council to three members in the event its population is decreased by more than 613 by 1960 whereas prior to chapter 163 the population would have to decrease by more than 5613 before the number of councilmen would change.

Section 11 is amended to permit the council to fix the salaries of municipal officers and employes, whose salaries are not fixed by law, by resolution rather than by ordinance.

