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House File 465
By CITIES AND TOWNS COMMITTEE.

Passed House, Date...*March 4, 1955*.....
Vote: Ayes.....*86*..... Nays.....*3*.....
Passed Senate, Date...*April 21, 1955*.....
Vote: Ayes.....*47*..... Nays.....*5*.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter three hundred fifty-seven (357),
Code 1954, relating to benefited water districts.

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

1 Section 1. Section three hundred fifty-seven point one
2 (357.1), Code 1954, is hereby amended by adding thereto the
3 following:

4 "In case the proposed benefited water district is
5 located wholly within the corporate limits of any city or
6 town, only the council of the city or town shall have the
7 authority to establish the water district, and the provisions
8 of this chapter referring to the board of supervisors shall
9 be applicable to the city or town council."

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred fifty-seven point twelve
2 (357.12), is amended by adding the following after the period
3 (.) in line eight (8) thereof:

4 "Except that where the benefited water district is
5 wholly within the corporate limits of a city or town, the
6 members of the city or town council shall be the trustees,
7 and the provisions hereinafter referring to the election and

8 terms of trustees are not applicable.

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred fifty-seven point two
2 (357.2), Code 1954, is hereby amended by adding thereto the
3 following:

4 "Said publicly owned property shall pay and bear its
5 proportionate share of the cost and expense of said water
6 system upon the same basis as privately owned property."

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 465

The purpose of this bill is to give authority to the city or town council to establish a benefited water district where the proposed water district is wholly within the corporate limits of the city or town. Under the present statute the authority is placed in the hands of the board of supervisors.

At present there are many small towns that need a public waterworks system, but they are unable to pay for the system by the issue of general obligations or revenue bonds. The city or town council, however, would be able to finance such a project.

Section 3 of this bill makes it clear that public bodies, such as county boards of supervisors, shall pay their pro rata cost of benefited water districts.