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Senate File 191  
By O'MALLEY.

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Vote: Ayes 42 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 93 Nays 0

Approved 5-3-61  
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## A BILL FOR

An Act to amend, clarify, broaden and improve the laws of the state of Iowa concerning municipalities; especially relating to sanitary sewer systems, by amending chapter three hundred ninety-three (393), Code 1958, relating to sewer rentals.

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

1 Section 1. Section three hundred ninety-three point one  
2 (393.1), Code 1958, is amended by inserting immediately  
3 following the word "works" in line five (5) of said section  
4 the words, "or is contracting with an adjoining or nearby  
5 municipality for the use of all or part of the sanitary sewer  
6 system of said other municipality,".

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred ninety-three point seven  
2 (393.7), Code 1958, is hereby repealed and the following  
3 enacted in lieu thereof:

4 "Said sewer rentals, charges or rates may supplant or  
5 replace, in whole or in part, any millage levy taxes which may  
6 be, or have been, authorized by resolution of the council of  
7 the municipality for any of the following purposes:

8 "1. To meet interest and principal payments on bonds  
9 legally authorized for the financing of such sanitary utilities  
10 in any manner;

11 "2. To pay any costs of the construction, maintenance or  
12 repair of such sanitary facilities or utilities, including

13 payments to be made under any contract between municipalities

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14 for either the joint use of sewerage or sewage facilities, or  
15 for the use by one municipality of all or a part of the sewerage  
16 of sewer system of another municipality.

17 "And when such sewer rental ordinance has been passed and  
18 put into effect, prior ordinances or resolutions providing for  
19 millage taxes against real and personal property for such  
20 purposes, or the portion thereof replaced, may be rescinded,  
21 repealed or rendered inactive."

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred ninety-three point eight  
2 (393.8), Code 1958 is hereby repealed and the following  
3 enacted in lieu thereof:

4 "Any and all funds, rentals, charges or rates collected  
5 under the provisions of this chapter shall be remitted or  
6 turned over to the city treasurer, at regularly established  
7 intervals by the officer charged with their collection and all  
8 such collections shall be kept in a separate and distinct part  
9 of the Sanitation Fund, to be known as the 'Sewer Rentals Fund'  
10 and disbursed only for the purposes set forth, either expressly  
11 or by reference, in this chapter, as such purposes may be  
12 further limited by the town or city council pursuant to  
13 ordinance duly adopted thereby."

SENATE FILE 191

1 Amend Senate File 191, section 3, line 3, by  
2 striking "enaced" and inserting in lieu thereof "enacted"

Filed and adopted  
February 24, 1981.

By O'MALLEY

Adopted  
4/26/61

1 Senate File 191 is amended as follows:

2 1. By adding the following new sections:

3 "Sec. 4. Any municipality in which is located a state  
4 institution of higher learning under the control of the board  
5 of regents may purchase a privately owned waterworks and its  
6 entire distribution system, including such portions of the  
7 system which are located in nearby or adjacent municipalities  
8 and areas. Any such municipality shall finance, maintain  
9 and operate such waterworks under the provisions of chapters  
10 three hundred ninety-seven (397), three hundred ninety-eight  
11 (398) and three hundred ninety-nine (399), where applicable,  
12 except as otherwise provided in sections five (5) through  
13 eight (8) of this Act.

14 "Sec. 5. When any such municipality described in section  
15 four (4) of this Act purchases a waterworks, any right, title  
16 or interest in the waterworks property may be transferred to  
17 such municipality including property located in nearby or  
18 adjacent municipalities and areas. Such municipality is hereby  
19 authorized to acquire any right, title or interest of such  
20 waterworks property.

21 "Sec. 6. Any such municipality described in section four  
22 (4) of this Act which purchases a privately owned waterworks  
23 may contract with persons, corporations and municipalities  
24 located in nearby or adjacent areas to provide water services  
25 and extensions of water services to such areas. The provisions  
26 of section three hundred ninety-seven point twenty-seven (397.27)  
27 of the Code shall not apply to such municipalities.

28 "Sec. 7. Any contract for water services between the  
29 municipalities described in section six (6) of this Act shall  
30 not become effective until the following procedures have been  
31 followed:

32 1. The proposed contract shall be adopted by the council  
33 of both municipalities.

34 2. Notice of the adoption of such contract shall be  
35 published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in  
36 the county where the municipalities are located at least once  
37 each week for two consecutive weeks. Such notice shall set  
38 forth the terms of the proposed contract.

39 3. If within twenty days of the first publication of the  
40 notice, a petition is filed with the clerk of either municipality  
41 requesting that the question of whether to approve such  
42 proposed contract be submitted to an election, such election  
43 shall be held in the municipality whose qualified voters make  
44 such petition. The petition must be signed by a number of  
45 qualified voters of such municipality at least equal to twenty  
46 percent of the votes cast by such municipality for governor  
47 at the last general election. Notice and time of such election  
48 shall be governed by section three hundred ninety-seven point  
49 seven (397.7) of the Code. The contract shall become effective  
50 only if a majority of the votes cast in such election are in  
51 favor of such contract.

52 4. If a petition is not filed within twenty days as provided  
53 in subsection three (3) of this section, the contract shall  
54 become effective without a vote of the electors.

55 "Sec. 8. Cities and towns which are located nearby or  
56 adjacent to institutions under the control of the state board  
57 of regents shall have power to acquire, own, construct, establish,  
58 purchase, maintain, alter and operate a waterworks plant,  
59 distribution lines, or any part thereof, in cooperation with  
60 any institution under the control of the state board of regents,  
61 located nearby or adjacent to said city or town, and receive  
62 from any such state controlled institution, financial grants and  
63 assistance for the purchase, construction, operation, and  
64 maintenance of such waterworks utility, and to serve said  
65 state controlled institution as a customer upon such terms and  
66 conditions as may be made between such institution and the  
67 city or town, and to do all acts necessary for carrying out  
68 the purposes of this section, whether said state controlled  
69 institution and the waterworks utility or any part thereof,  
70 lies within or without the corporate limits of any such city  
71 or town, and to finance the cost thereof by the issuance of  
72 bonds under the provisions of chapters three hundred ninety-  
73 seven (397), three hundred ninety-eight (398) and three  
74 hundred ninety-nine (399), as the same may be applicable."

75 2. By striking all of the title after the word "concerning"  
76 in line two (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
77 "municipal sanitary sewer and waterworks systems."

The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry, no matter how small, should be recorded to ensure the integrity of the financial statements. This includes not only sales and purchases but also expenses and income. The document further explains that proper record-keeping is essential for identifying trends, managing cash flow, and complying with tax regulations.

In addition, the document highlights the need for regular reconciliation of accounts. By comparing the company's internal records with bank statements and other external sources, discrepancies can be identified and corrected promptly. This process helps to prevent errors from accumulating and ensures that the financial data is reliable and up-to-date.

The document also addresses the importance of using appropriate accounting methods and principles. It notes that consistency in the application of these methods is crucial for providing meaningful and comparable financial information. Furthermore, it stresses the importance of transparency and honesty in all financial reporting, as this is the foundation of trust and credibility.

Finally, the document concludes by stating that effective financial management is a key factor in the success of any business. By following the guidelines outlined in this document, businesses can ensure that their financial records are accurate, complete, and reliable, thereby enabling them to make informed decisions and achieve their long-term goals.