

April 25, 1961.
Sifting Committee.

House File 703
By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY 2.

Passed House, Date.....4-28-61..... Passed Senate, Date.....4-28-61
Vote: Ayes.....93..... Nays.....0..... Vote: Ayes.....49..... Nays.....0.....
Approved.....5-2-61.....

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter three hundred forty-seven A (347A), Code 1958, relating to county hospitals in counties having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) so as to authorize and provide for the issuance of general obligation bonds of such counties to pay the cost of enlarging and improving such county hospitals.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter three hundred forty-seven A (347A),
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following
3 section:
4 For the purpose of enlarging and improving any county
5 hospital or hospitals theretofore acquired and being operated
6 under the provisions of this chapter, any such county, upon
7 petition and recommendation of the board of hospital trustees,
8 and pursuant to resolution of the board of supervisors of such
9 county, may from time to time incur indebtedness and issue and
10 sell the negotiable interest-bearing general obligation bonds
11 of said county, provided that the principal amount of all such
12 bonds which may be issued and outstanding under this section
13 shall not be in excess of two (2) percent of the assessed
14 value of the taxable property in such county as shown by
15 the latest state and county tax lists. All such bonds may
16 bear such date or dates, may mature at such time or times
17 not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates, may
18 bear interest at such rate or rates not exceeding five percent

19 per annum payable semiannually, may be in such form and
20 payable at such place or places, and may be made subject to
21 such privileges of redemption prior to maturity and upon
22 such terms of redemption as are stated on the face of such
23 bonds and as may be provided in such resolution.

24 For the purpose of paying such bonds and interest thereon,
25 the board of supervisors of such county shall in and by the
26 resolution authorizing the issuance thereof provide for the
27 levy of an annual tax sufficient for that purpose on all of
28 the taxable property in such county, in addition to all other
29 taxes.

30 After the resolution authorizing any such bonds has been
31 adopted the county auditor shall publish notice of such adoption
32 in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county
33 at least once each week for two consecutive weeks. Such notice
34 shall identify the resolution by the date of its adoption and
35 shall specify the amount of bonds proposed to be issued, and
36 if, within twenty days following the date of the first publica-
37 tion of such notice, a petition is filed with the county auditor
38 signed by qualified voters of said county in number equal to or
39 exceeding twenty percent of the total number of votes cast in
40 such county for governor at the last preceding regular
41 election whereat a governor was elected, then the bonds
42 authorized by such resolution shall not be issued unless
43 and until the proposition to issue same shall have been sub-
44 mitted at an election throughout the county and approved by
45 not less than sixty percent of the votes cast for and against
46 the proposition. When any such petition is filed, it shall
47 be referred to the board of supervisors at its next meeting and

48 thereupon the board of supervisors may either repeal the bond
49 resolution or order an election which shall be called and
50 conducted substantially in the manner provided by chapter
51 thirty-seven (37) of the Code. If no petition is filed within
52 the time hereinbefore provided or if a petition is filed and
53 the proposition of issuing such bonds is approved at such
54 election, then the board of supervisors may proceed with the
55 enlargement and improvement of such county hospital and the
56 issuance of bonds in connection therewith, all as in this
57 section permitted and provided.

58 This section shall be construed as providing an alterna-
59 tive and independent method for the enlargement and improvement
60 of such county hospital; shall not be construed as limiting or
61 superseding any other method of enlargement and improvement of
62 such county hospital; and shall not be construed as an amendment
63 of or subject to the provisions of any other law.

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred forty-seven A point one
2 (347A.1), Code 1958, is hereby amended by inserting the word
3 "revenue" before the word "bonds" in line sixty-seven (67).

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred forty-seven A point two
2 (347A.2), Code 1958, is hereby amended by inserting the word
3 "revenue" before the word "bonds" in line fifty-seven (57).

1 Sec. 4. Section three hundred forty-seven A point three
2 (347.3), Code 1958, is hereby amended by inserting the word
3 "revenue" before the word "bonds" in line twenty-two (22).

1 Sec. 5. This Act being deemed of immediate importance
2 shall take effect and be in force from and after its
3 publication in The Muscatine Journal, a newspaper published in
4 Muscatine, Iowa, and in The Wilton Advocate, a newspaper

5 published in Wilton Junction, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 703

This bill will permit a revenue bond county hospital to be enlarged. General obligation bonds are necessary for this purpose, since the entire revenue of the hospital is already pledged to secure the original revenue bonds used to build the hospital.

Muscatine County has the only revenue bond county hospital in Iowa at the present time. This hospital does not have enough beds to meet anticipated needs in the near future. This bill has been recommended by the bonding attorneys.

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- 1 Amend House File 703 by inserting after the word
- 2 "publication" in line three (3) of section five (5)
- 3 the words "without expense to the state".

*adopted
4-28-61*

Filed
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STANLEY of Muscatine.

