

February 21, 1969

HOUSE FILE 334

County Government, *Pass as amended 3-12*  
*Jan. " " 4-14, Pass 5-6*

By ANDERSEN  
(Erskine)

Passed House, Date *4-4-69* Passed Senate, Date *5-15-69*

Vote: Ayes *112* Nays *0* Vote: Ayes *50* Nays *3*

Approved *May 22, 1969*

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the amount of money a county may spend to
- 2 repair and remodel buildings owned by the county.
- 3 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 4 Section 1. Section three hundred forty-five point one
- 5 (345.1), Code 1966, is hereby amended by inserting in line
- 6 twenty-three (23) after the word "dollars" the words " , or,
- 7 in counties with a population of over one hundred thousand,
- 8 if the erection, construction, remodeling, reconstruction
- 9 or purchase of real estate can be accomplished without the
- 10 levy of additional taxes and the cost will not exceed fifty
- 11 thousand dollars".

### EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 334

With the rising cost of construction and the lessening value of the dollar, it is impossible to make extensive changes in buildings for less than the present twenty thousand dollar limit. Considering that it costs in the neighborhood of eight to ten thousand dollars to have a referendum, it would seem that it would be wiser to trust the elected officials to exercise their judgment in these matters. This would be in the spirit of the "Home Rule Amendment" to the Constitution, and would promote more efficient operation of government at the local level. The people are safeguarded by the "Full Disclosure Statute" passed at the last General Assembly which forbids secret meetings.

- 1 Amend House File 334 as follows:
- 2 By striking everything after the enacting clause and inserting
- 3 in lieu thereof the following:
- 4 "Section 1. Section three hundred forty-five point one (345.1),
- 5 Code 1966, is hereby amended by striking in line twenty-two (22)
- 6 the word "twenty" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty".

Filed - *Adopted 4-4*  
March 12, 1969

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
LOUIS A. PETERSON, Chairman