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HOUSE FILE 625

Place On Calendar

Sen. Judiciary 4/29, Pass 5/26 By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Vote: Ayes 78 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 43 Nays 0

Approved June 30, 1971

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to city and town ordinances.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Amend House File 625, page 2, by striking all
2 of lines 14 through 18.

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By KEHE of Bremer
District 12

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1 Section 1. Section three hundred sixty-six point three
2 (366.3), Code 1971, is amended as follows:
3 366.3 READING. Ordinances shall be fully and distinctly
4 read on three different days, unless three-fourths of the
5 council shall dispense with the rule. However, the rule that
6 an ordinance be fully and distinctly read on three different
7 days is satisfied if a summary of the proposed ordinance is
8 prepared and made available to the public prior to the meeting
9 at which it is adopted, and if the title of the ordinance
10 is read on three different days.

11 An ordinance passed prior to the effective date of this
12 Act, is not invalidated by the fact that it was not fully
13 and distinctly read on three different days.

14 Sec. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,
15 shall take effect and be in force from and after its publica-
16 tion in The West Des Moines Express, a newspaper published
17 in West Des Moines, Iowa, and in The Clinton Herald, a news-
18 paper published in Clinton, Iowa.

19 EXPLANATION

20 Some cities and towns in Iowa have not believed that it
21 was necessary to actually read ordinances in full, but other
22 cities have required such reading even of extremely lengthy
23 ordinances. This bill provides that the requirement may be
24 met without actual reading, and protects the validity of
25 ordinances passed before the effective date of this Act, which
26 were not actually read.

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