

## CHAPTER 46.

## LEVYING OF TAXES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

H. F. 218.

AN ACT to amend section seven hundred thirty-two (732) supplement to the code, 1907, relative to the levying of taxes for public libraries.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. City council to levy amount certified.** That section seven hundred thirty-two (732), supplement to the code, 1907, be amended by striking out from lines fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) of said section the words "or so much thereof as it may deem necessary to promote library interests".

Approved March 17, A. D. 1909.

## CHAPTER 47.

## MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF BENEVOLENCE, INCLUDING HOSPITALS.

S. F. 22. \*

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in section seven hundred and forty (740) of the supplement to the code, 1907, relating to aiding by taxation the maintenance of any institution of benevolence including hospitals acquired by any county, city, town by gift or devise.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Tax levy—question submitted—tax, how collected and expended.** That the law as it appears in section seven hundred and forty (740) of the supplement to the code, 1907, be amended by adding after the period at the end of said section the following:

"When any county, city, or town shall receive by gift or devise, property, real or personal, for the purpose of establishing any institution of benevolence including hospitals, and no sufficient fund or endowment is provided for its maintenance or when any such municipality shall receive by gift or devise property, real or personal, for either of said purposes, upon condition that the donee or devisee provide for aiding the maintenance of such institution by a tax levy upon the assessed property of such municipality, as may be done under the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of the governing board of such municipality to submit by resolution to the qualified electors thereof at a regular or special election the question whether there shall be levied upon the assessed property of such municipality an annual tax not exceeding three mills on the dollar for the purpose of aiding the maintenance of such institution. The said proposition shall be submitted in the manner provided for similar propositions in the chapter on elections. If a majority of the votes cast at such election on the proposition so submitted shall be in favor of the proposition for taxation the governing board of such municipality shall determine the amount to be levied for such purpose, not exceeding three mills on the dollar, and the amount so fixed shall be levied upon the assessed property of such municipality and collected, in the same manner as other taxes of such municipality are levied and collected; and when collected by the county treasurer shall be paid over to the treasurer of the institution authorized to receive the same and shall be paid out on the order of the trustees of such institution who are authorized to manage and control the same, for the purposes authorized by this act and for no other purpose whatever.

**SEC. 2. Levy discontinued—how and when.** The governing board of such municipality may discontinue such levy of tax in the event that the institution to be aided thereby is destroyed by the elements and no fund is provided or available for its rebuilding; or after five years of continuance of such tax aid the governing board may, and upon the petition of twenty-five per cent of the qualified electors of such municipality, shall, by resolution, re-submit to the qualified electors of such municipality, at a regular or special election, in the same manner hereinbefore specified, the question whether tax aid for such institution shall be discontinued, and if sixty-five per cent of the votes cast at such election on the proposition so submitted, be in favor of discontinuing tax aid, no further levy of tax shall be made for such purpose.

**SEC. 3. Existing statutes not repealed.** The provisions of this act shall not be construed as repealing any other provisions of title five (5) of the code or code supplement of 1907 relating to like institutions."

Approved March 18, A. D. 1909.

## CHAPTER 48.

### INDEBTEDNESS FOR CITY HALL PURPOSES.

S. F. 384.

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in section seven hundred forty-one-f (741-f), chapter four (4), title five (V), of the supplement to the code, 1907, authorizing certain cities to incur an indebtedness for the purpose of constructing a city hall in an amount not exceeding in the aggregate two percentum of the actual value of the taxable property within such city, and to authorize the issuance of bonds in pursuance of an election which may have been heretofore held authorizing the erection of such city hall.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Amount of indebtedness—bonds.** That the law as it appears in section seven hundred forty-one-f (741-f), chapter four, title five of the supplement to the code, 1907, be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto the words: "And in issuing such bonds such city may become indebted in an amount which added to all other indebtedness shall not exceed two per centum of the actual value of the taxable property in such city as determined by the last state and county tax list, anything in section thirteen hundred six-b (1306-b) of the supplement to the code, 1907, to the contrary notwithstanding, and such indebtedness may be incurred and such bonds issued in pursuance of an election which may have been heretofore held authorizing the erection of such city hall."

**SEC. 2. In effect.** This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, newspapers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved April 7, A. D. 1909.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and Des Moines Capital April 9, A. D. 1909.

W. C. HAYWARD,  
Secretary of State.