

## CHAPTER 139.

## OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

S. F. 132.

AN ACT to amend section thirteen hundred seventy-nine (1379) of the code, relating to the powers and duties of the executive council with reference to the adjustment of the valuations of different kinds of property in the various counties of the state, and providing for notice and hearing to such counties whose assessments are proposed to be raised, and providing for an adjourned meeting of the executive council at which such hearing may be had.

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

1 SECTION 1. Counties to be notified of raise in valuation. That  
 2 section thirteen hundred seventy-nine (1379) of the code, be amended  
 3 by striking out the period at the end thereof, and inserting in lieu  
 4 thereof a comma, and adding thereto the following words and period,  
 5 to-wit: "but before such executive council shall add to the valuation  
 6 of any kind or class of property any such percentage, it shall serve  
 7 ten days notice by mail, on the auditor of the county whose valuation  
 8 is proposed to be raised and shall hold an adjourned meeting after  
 9 such ten days notice, at which time such county may appear by its  
 10 board of supervisors, county attorney, or otherwise, and make writ-  
 11 ten or oral protest against such proposed raise, which protest shall  
 12 consist simply of a statement of the error, or errors, complained of  
 13 with such facts as may lead to their correction, and at such adjourned  
 14 meeting final action may be taken in reference thereto."

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## CHAPTER 140.

## OF THE GENERAL POWERS OF CITIES.

S. F. 158.

AN ACT to authorize certain cities which have voted and paid taxes to aid in the construction of a highway or combination bridge across any navigable river on the boundary of this state, to purchase such bridge, its approaches and franchises, and to vote additional taxes for the purchase of such bridge, to issue bonds and certificates, to fund, refund and extend the time of payment of such bonds and certificates.

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

SECTION 1. Purchase of bridges over navigable streams—  
 1 election—levy. That any city in this state, including cities acting  
 2 under special charter, or under the commission plan, where a tax upon  
 3 the property of said city has been voted and paid to aid any company  
 4 in the construction of a highway or combination bridge across any

5 navigable river, forming part of the boundary of this state, whether  
6 it was a condition of the vote or acceptance of such tax that said city  
7 had a right to buy said bridge from the company so aided, its suc-  
8 cessors or assigns or not, or whether the time within which by the  
9 terms of the vote by which such option to purchase was granted to  
10 said city has expired or not, at any time after the taxes so voted in  
11 aid of such construction of such bridge have been paid over to said  
12 company, may vote an additional tax not exceeding five per cent upon  
13 the taxable property of said city for the purpose of procuring funds  
14 with which to enable such city to purchase said bridge, such taxes to  
15 be payable in such annual installments as the electors of said city may  
16 determine, such determination by the electors to be at an election  
17 called for that purpose, and the notice submitting such question shall  
18 state the price to be paid for such bridge, including its approaches.

1     **SEC. 2. Proceedings attending purchase.** The mayor and city  
2 council of such city shall have power to enter into a contract with the  
3 corporation or company owning such bridge, for the purchase thereof,  
4 together with its franchises at a price to be agreed upon, which price  
5 shall not be greater than the value of such bridge or the cost thereof,  
6 with the taxes so voted and paid over by the authorities of said city  
7 deducted therefrom.

8     Unless there is an appraisalment as hereinafter provided the orig-  
9 inal cost of construction shall be considered the value thereof.

10     No such contract shall become binding upon said city until the same  
11 has been submitted to the electors of said city and approved by them  
12 by the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting for or  
13 against the same, the question of the levy of such tax shall be sub-  
14 mitted to such electors at the same election, the affirmative vote of a  
15 majority of all electors voting for or against the same being neces-  
16 sary to make the contract binding on said city.

17     If at such election the proposition to make such purchase upon the  
18 terms and at the price named in the question submitted, and the prop-  
19 osition to vote such tax shall either of them be defeated, by not re-  
20 ceiving the affirmative vote of a majority of all electors voting for  
21 or against the same, such contract shall be considered at an end and  
22 said tax defeated.

1     **SEC. 3. Election—form of submission.** The questions as to  
2 whether the said contracts shall become binding upon the said city,  
3 and the taxes levied or bonds issued by the city authorities, shall,  
4 when submitted to the electors of said city, be submitted in the form  
5 and manner provided by sections seven hundred and sixty, (760),  
6 seven hundred and sixty-one (761), seven hundred and sixty-two  
7 (762), seven hundred and sixty-three (763), and seven hundred and  
8 sixty-four (764), of the code of Iowa, so far as the same are ap-  
9 plicable thereto.

1     **SEC. 4. Appraisers, fees, etc.** In case a majority of the mem-  
2 bers of the city council of such city shall by resolution declare their  
3 wish to have the said city purchase said bridge, its approaches and  
4 franchises, and be unable to agree with the owner of such bridge upon  
5 the value thereof, such value shall be ascertained by three appraisers  
6 named by the governor of Iowa, no one of whom shall be an officer,  
7 employee, or stockholder or such owner of said bridge, or a taxpayer

8 or voter in the city proposing to make such purchase, or in the county  
 9 of the state opposite and adjoining said bridge. Such appraisers shall  
 10 be paid fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per day for the time necessarily and  
 11 actually employed in making such appraisalment, together with their  
 12 actual and necessary traveling expenses, the same to be paid by the  
 13 city.

1 SEC. 5. Regulation of tolls. If any such city shall thus become  
 2 the owner of any such bridge, the city council shall have power from  
 3 time to time to fix the rates of toll or charges for passing over the  
 4 bridge, which tolls shall be large enough to pay for the maintenance  
 5 and operating expenses, interest upon any bonds issued for its pur-  
 6 chase, and sufficient after five years to provide a sinking fund of at  
 7 least five per cent of such outstanding bonds, and for their payment  
 8 at maturity.

1 SEC. 6. Management and maintenance. If any such city shall  
 2 thus become the owner of any such bridge it shall operate the same  
 3 by officers or employees selected by the mayor and approved by the  
 4 city council of said city, who shall have police powers and shall main-  
 5 tain order upon said bridge. One of such officers shall be superinten-  
 6 dent and authorized to make proper inspection of the structure, see  
 7 that the same is at all times kept in repair and safe for the traveling  
 8 public, and that the navigation laws and regulations of the United  
 9 States are observed.

10 The said city shall have power to prescribe and enforce proper  
 11 regulations respecting the passing of stock in droves, and persons  
 12 and vehicles over said bridge.

13 Such bridge shall be kept open for travel at all hours of the day or  
 14 night unless some unavoidable accident shall make such travel for  
 15 the time unsafe.

16 The rates of toll and copies of such regulation shall be kept posted  
 17 at each end of such bridge.

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## CHAPTER 141.

### OF THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

S. F. 188.

AN ACT to provide for purchasing additional land for the Iowa State Fair and to make an appropriation therefor.

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

1 SECTION 1. Additional lands—appropriation. There is hereby  
 2 appropriated to the Iowa Department of Agriculture, out of any  
 3 money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of  
 4 twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) for the following  
 5 purposes: