

CHAPTER 172

PUBLIC DOCKS

AN ACT to amend the law as it appears in section fifty nine hundred two (5902) of the code, 1927, relating to the department of public docks in cities and towns having a population of less than thirty thousand.

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

1 SECTION 1. That the law as it appears in section fifty nine hundred
2 two (5902) of the code, 1927, be and the same is hereby amended
3 by striking from lines one (1) and two (2) of paragraph thirteen
4 (13) beginning after the word "cities" and ending with the word
5 "government", the following phrase: "under the commission form of
6 government".

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CHAPTER 173

CITIES AND TOWNS. MOTOR BUS LINES

AN ACT to amend chapter three hundred four (304) of the code, 1927, relating to electric utilities and the legalization of bus franchises.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred four (304) of the code, 1927, is
2 amended by inserting immediately after section fifty-nine hundred
3 four (5904) the following section, to wit:
4 "5904-c1. Motor bus lines. Cities and towns may grant franchises
5 to operate and maintain on and over their streets bus and motor trans-
6 portation lines to carry passengers for hire on a plan similar to street
7 railways. Such franchises may be granted to individuals or private
8 corporations and shall not be exclusive, nor shall they extend for a
9 longer period than ten (10) years. Provided, however, that in cities
10 or towns in which a street railway is established and operated, before
11 the question of granting such franchise is submitted to the electorate,
12 the proposed franchise must first be offered to the owner of the exist-
13 ing street railway, and if said owner shall agree in writing within
14 thirty (30) days from the time said proposed franchise is offered to
15 accept said franchise and operate a bus or motor transportation line
16 under the terms of said franchise, the question shall be submitted to
17 the electorate of the granting of said franchise to the owner of the
18 street railway. If the owner of said street railway fails to agree in
19 writing within said thirty-day period to accept said franchise and
20 operate the bus or motor transportation line therein provided for, the
21 city or town council may then offer said franchise to another person,
22 firm or corporation, and may submit to the electorate the question of
23 the granting of the franchise to said person, firm or corporation. The
24 granting of such franchise shall not preclude cities and towns from
25 licensing jitney busses and motor vehicles carrying passengers for
26 hire under the provisions of chapter three hundred six (306). The