

1 SEC. 2. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after  
 2 its publication in The Coggon Monitor, a newspaper published at  
 3 Coggon, Iowa, and The Anthon Herald, a newspaper published at  
 4 Anthon, Iowa.

Approved April 6, 1951.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in The Coggon Monitor, Coggon, Iowa, April 12, 1951, and in The Anthon Herald, Anthon, Iowa, April 11, 1951.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

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CHAPTER 161  
 CITY ASSESSORS  
 H. F. 111

AN ACT to amend section four hundred five point six (405.6), Code 1950, to provide for the re-appointment of an incumbent city assessor to a new term without re-examination.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section four hundred five point six (405.6) of Chapter  
 2 four hundred five (405), Code 1950, is hereby amended by striking  
 3 therefrom all that part of the first paragraph following the period in  
 4 line three (3) and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

5 "Appointments for each succeeding term shall be made in the same  
 6 manner as the original appointment except that not less than ninety  
 7 days before the expiration of the term of the city assessor the three  
 8 taxing bodies may hold a joint meeting to determine whether or not  
 9 they desire to reappoint the incumbent city assessor to a new term.  
 10 The taxing bodies shall have the power to reappoint the incumbent as-  
 11 sessor without re-examination if they see fit to do so. If the incumbent  
 12 city assessor is not reappointed as above provided, then not less than  
 13 sixty days before the expiration of the term of said assessor, the ex-  
 14 amining board shall give a new examination for the position."

Approved February 15, 1951.

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CHAPTER 162  
 GRADE CROSSING SEPARATIONS  
 S. F. 441

AN ACT relating to the incurring of indebtedness by cities and towns for the elimination or separating of railroad grade crossings and to amend section four hundred seven point three (407.3), Code 1950.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section four hundred seven point three (407.3), Code  
 2 1950, is amended by adding the following subsection:

3 "9. When authorized to do so as provided in Section four hundred  
 4 seven point five (407.5), Code 1950, cities and towns may also incur  
 5 indebtedness for the purpose of defraying the cost in whole or in part  
 6 of eliminating railroad grade crossings within the municipality by any

7 method, or for the purpose of deriving funds to be contributed to such  
 8 cost, or for the purpose of deriving funds with which to pay the  
 9 damages imposed upon the municipality in connection with the con-  
 10 struction of a viaduct, underpass, or railroad track relocation."

Approved April 11, 1951.

## CHAPTER 163

### COMMISSION FORM CITIES

#### S. F. 20

AN ACT to provide for the government of cities and towns under the commission form of municipal government, and to repeal various sections of chapter four hundred sixteen (416), Code 1950, relating thereto and to enact a substitute therefor.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Cities of 30,000 or more population. Municipal cor-  
 2 porations operating under the commission form of government, and  
 3 having a population of thirty thousand or over shall be governed by a  
 4 council, consisting of a mayor and four councilmen elected at large.  
 5 One councilman shall be elected to preside over the department of  
 6 accounts and finances. One councilman shall be elected to preside over  
 7 the department of public safety. One councilman shall be elected to  
 8 preside over the department of parks and public property. One council-  
 9 man shall be elected to preside over the department of streets and  
 10 public improvements.

1 SEC. 2. Council—cities of less than 30,000 population. Cities oper-  
 2 ating under the commission form of government, and having a popula-  
 3 tion of less than thirty thousand, shall be governed by a council  
 4 consisting of a mayor and two councilmen elected at large. One council-  
 5 man shall be elected to preside over the departments of accounts and  
 6 finances and public safety. One councilman shall be elected to preside  
 7 over the departments of parks and public property and streets and  
 8 public improvements.

1 SEC. 3. Whenever any city shall have been organized on the com-  
 2 mission plan on or before the effective date of this Act, no reduction  
 3 or increase of the population of such city, shown by a subsequent  
 4 census shall have any effect upon the organization and number of  
 5 councilmen but the same shall continue, remain, and be as in this  
 6 chapter prescribed for cities of the population such city had at the time  
 7 its electors voted to adopt such plan of government as shown by the  
 8 then preceding census.

1 SEC. 4. Departments. The executive and administrative powers,  
 2 authority, and duties in such cities shall be distributed into and among  
 3 five departments, as follows:

- 4 1. Department of public affairs.
- 5 2. Department of accounts and finances.
- 6 3. Department of public safety.
- 7 4. Department of streets and public improvements.
- 8 5. Department of parks and public property.