

7 additional taxes and the probable cost will not exceed twenty thou-
8 sand dollars.”

1 SEC. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall take
2 effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Man-
3 chester Press, a newspaper published in Manchester, Iowa, and in the
4 Manchester Democrat-Radio, a newspaper published in Manchester,
5 Iowa.

Approved April 15, 1959.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, House File 92, was published in the Man-
chester Press, Manchester, Iowa, April 23, 1959, and in the Manchester Democrat-
Radio, Manchester, Iowa, April 21, 1959.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 262

COUNTY HOSPITALS

S. F. 118

AN ACT to amend chapter three hundred forty-seven (347), Code 1958, relating to
county hospitals.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred forty-seven point one (347.1),
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking the words “two hundred
3 thousand dollars” in lines fourteen (14) and fifteen (15) thereof, and
4 inserting in lieu thereof the words “five hundred thousand (500,000)
5 dollars”; and by adding at the end of said section the following:
6 “This section shall also be applicable when an existing hospital is in
7 such poor condition that the electors of the county feel that the same
8 should be abandoned or dedicated to some other use, when a proposi-
9 tion for such abandonment is included in the petition above referred
10 to in the aforesaid petitions and propositions submitted to the voters.”

1 SEC. 2. Section three hundred forty-seven point eight (347.8),
2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking the “period (.)” at the end
3 of said section and adding to said section the following: “or in the
4 case of an addition to an already existing hospital until such time in
5 the judgment of the board of hospital trustees it is deemed advisable
6 to commence the construction of such addition.”

1 SEC. 3. Section three hundred forty-seven point ten (347.10),
2 Code 1958, is hereby repealed and the following inserted in lieu there-
3 of:
4 “Vacancies in the board of trustees shall be filled by an appoint-
5 ment to fill the vacancy by the remaining members of the board of
6 trustees. In the event that fewer than four (4) trustees remain on
7 the board, the vacancies shall be filled by the board of supervisors.
8 Should any board member be absent for four consecutive regular
9 board meetings, without prior excuse, his position shall be declared
10 vacant and filled as set out above.”

1 SEC. 4. Section three hundred forty-seven point twelve (347.12),
 2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking from lines five (5) and six
 3 (6) thereof the following: "county auditor by direction of the board
 4 of supervisors" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "secr-
 5 tary of the board of trustees and countersigned by the chairman of
 6 the board of trustees".

1 SEC. 5. Section three hundred forty-seven point thirteen (347.13),
 2 subsection four (4), Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking from
 3 line one (1) thereof the following: "a superintendent, a matron" and
 4 inserting in lieu thereof the following: "an administrator".

5 Said section is further amended by striking the word "first" in line
 6 two (2) of subsection ten (10) and inserting in lieu thereof the word
 7 "fourth".

1 SEC. 6. Section three hundred forty-seven point fourteen (347.14),
 2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by adding the following new subsec-
 3 tion:

4 "Do all things necessary for the management, control and govern-
 5 ment of said hospital and exercise all the rights and duties pertain-
 6 ing to hospital trustees generally, unless such rights of hospital trust-
 7 ees generally are specifically denied by this chapter, or unless such
 8 duties are expressly charged by this chapter."

9 Said section is further amended by adding the following new sub-
 10 section:

11 "The said trustees may in their discretion establish a fund for de-
 12 preciation as a separate fund. Said funds may be invested in United
 13 States Government bonds and when so invested the accumulation of
 14 interest on the bonds so purchased shall be used for the purposes of
 15 said depreciation fund; such investment when so made shall remain
 16 in said United States Government bonds until such time as in the
 17 judgment of the board of trustees it is deemed advisable to use said
 18 funds for hospital purposes."

1 SEC. 7. Section three hundred forty-seven point twenty-one
 2 (347.21), Code 1958, is hereby repealed and the following inserted in
 3 lieu thereof:

4 "The board of supervisors of any county in which no county hos-
 5 pital has been established may in its discretion enter into a contract
 6 not to exceed one year with any hospital situated in the county for
 7 the hospital care of indigent persons, or others who may be the re-
 8 sponsibility of said board of supervisors."

1 SEC. 8. Chapter three hundred forty-seven (347), Code 1958, is
 2 hereby further amended by adding the following new section:

3 "Any hospital organized and existing as a city or town hospital
 4 under the provisions of chapter three hundred eighty (380), Code
 5 1958, may become a county hospital organized and managed as pro-
 6 vided for in this chapter, upon a proposition for such purpose being
 7 submitted to and approved by a majority of the electors of both the
 8 town or city in which such hospital is located, and of the county under
 9 whose management it is proposed that such hospital be placed, at
 10 any general or special election called for such purpose. Upon the
 11 approval of said proposition as aforesaid the hospital, its assets and

12 liabilities, will become the property of the county and this chapter
 13 will govern its future management. The question shall be submitted
 14 in substantially the following form: 'Shall the municipal hospital of
 15, Iowa be transferred to and become the property of, and be
 16 managed by the County of, Iowa?'

1 SEC. 9. Chapter three hundred forty-seven (347), Code 1958, is
 2 further amended by adding the following new section:

3 "Hospitals organized under chapter thirty-seven (37) or chapter
 4 three hundred forty-seven A (347A) may be operated as provided for
 5 in this chapter in any way not clearly inconsistent with the specific
 6 provisions of their chapters."

1 SEC. 10. Section three hundred forty-seven point twenty-two
 2 (347.22), Code 1958, is hereby repealed and the following inserted in
 3 lieu thereof:

4 "In those counties in which the board of supervisors has entered
 5 into a contract with a hospital other than a county hospital for the
 6 hospital care of indigent persons the board of supervisors shall deter-
 7 mine those persons entitled to care at the county's expense."

Approved April 1, 1959.

CHAPTER 263

COUNTY HOSPITALS

S. F. 40

AN ACT to amend section three hundred forty-seven point seven (347.7), Code 1958, relating to county hospitals.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred forty-seven point seven (347.7),
 2 Code 1958, is hereby amended by striking from line five (5) thereof
 3 the word "twelve" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "seventeen".

Approved February 23, 1959.

CHAPTER 264

BOUNTY ON RATTLESNAKES

H. F. 40

AN ACT relating to the bounty on rattlesnakes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred fifty point two (350.2), Code
 2 1958, is hereby amended by striking from line six (6) the words,
 3 "fifty cents." and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "one (1) dol-
 4 lar."

Approved February 11, 1959.