- SEC. 2. Such action may be taken by the city council or commission only after a majority of the people have voted in favor at a general election on the question, "Shall a one (1) mill levy be spread for the purpose of providing a fund for the acquisition, development, maintenance, and payment of appropriate salaries and wages for the operation of cultural and scientific facilities?".
- SEC. 3. Funds derived from said levy and from private donations may be invested and reinvested in interest-bearing securities pending acquisition of such facilities and the expenditures of such funds. All funds derived from said levy shall be expended for the purposes set forth in section one (1) hereof by the council or commission.

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CHAPTER 284

CITY HOSPITALS

S. F. 119

AN ACT to amend chapter three hundred eighty (380), Code 1958, relating to city hospitals.

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

SECTION 1. Section three hundred eighty-point six (380.6), Code

1958, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

"As a part of said board of trustees authority they may accept property by gift, devise, bequest or otherwise; and, if said board deems it advisable, may, at public sale, sell or exchange any property so accepted upon a concurring vote of a majority of all members of the board of hospital trustees, and apply the proceeds thereof, or property received in exchange therefor, to any legitimate hospital purpose.

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

SEC. 2. Chapter three hundred eighty (380), Code 1958, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

"Any hospital organized and existing as a city or town hospital under the provisions of this chapter may become a county hospital organized and managed as provided for in chapter three hundred forty-seven (347), Code 1958, upon a proposition for such purpose being submitted to and approved by a majority of the electors of both the town or city in which such hospital is located, and of the county under whose management it is proposed that such hospital be placed, at any general or special election called for such purpose. Upon the approval of said proposition as aforesaid the hospital, its assets and liabilities, will become the property of the county and chapter three

- 13 hundred forty-seven (347), Code 1958, will govern its future manage-
- 14 ment. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following
- 15 form: 'Shall the municipal hospital of, Iowa be transferred

Approved April 1, 1959.

CHAPTER 285

MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEMS

H. F. 51

AN ACT relating to municipal transit systems.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred eighty-six B (386B), Code 1958, is amended by adding thereto a new section as follows:

"Any municipal corporation which establishes or acquires a transit system under the provisions of this chapter may contract for the operation thereof upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the transit board. Such contract shall be entered into and awarded subject to the following terms and conditions:

"a. Such contract shall be opened to competitive bids and the con-

9 tract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

"b. No contract shall be awarded for a period longer than five (5)

11 years.

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"c. Once each year the party having the contract for the operation of said transit system shall be required to publish in a newspaper, published and having general circulation in the community, a detailed statement of expenditures and receipts and showing the amount of profit or loss on the contract."

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CHAPTER 286

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

H. F. 522

AN ACT to repeal sections three hundred eighty-nine point thirty-one (389.31), to three hundred eighty-nine point thirty-six (389.36), Code 1958, inclusive and to amend sections three hundred eighty-nine point thirty-seven (389.37), three hundred eighty-nine point thirty-eight (389.38), three hundred ninety-one point one (391.1) subsection three (3), three hundred ninety-one point two (391.2) subsection one (1) and three hundred ninety-one point thirty-nine (391.39), Code 1958, all relating to permanent sidewalk improvement in cities and towns and special assessments therefor, and providing a method for the payment of said permanent sidewalk improvements and relating to the collection costs of sidewalk repair.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Sections three hundred eighty-nine point thirty-one 2 (389.31) to three hundred eighty-nine point thirty-six (389.36), Code
- 3 1958, are hereby repealed.