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CITIES AND TOWNS

H. B. 4. Huffman. Authorizing city council of Elkhart to provide for appointment of a water works board for Elkhart City Water Works.

S. B. 104. Alldredge. Amending act of 1921 to authorize bond issues for construction of grade or high school between towns and townships in cities of the fifth class.

S. B. 116. Gray. Gives town of Oakland City right to erect school building through a holding company.

S. B. 279. Garrott. To legalize offices of town board members who have been only elected but failed to qualify.

S. B. 171. O'Rourke. Making provisions of the police pension system apply to Fort Wayne.

S. B. 57. Nejd. Providing property owners shall pay one-half the cost of paving street intersections in cities of the second, third and fourth class.

S. B. 224. Clancy. Relates to method of paying city's proportion of paving streets.

S. B. 305. Cooper. Providing that a tax-paying unit must first present to county council any attempt to create indebtedness against property lying without the corporate limit of any city or town.

H. B. 354. Worley, of Madison, Hiatt and Martindale. To place members of city council of Anderson on a board of works.

H. B. 379. LaFollette-Clements. Creating a waterworks board of three members in second-class cities, to be appointed by the mayor, no more than two of whom shall be of the same political party.

S. B. 109. Koenig, O'Rourke. Empowers cities to issue bonds to build sewage disposal plants to connect with present sewage systems.

S. B. 189. Steele. Legalizing bonds issued on street paving in all fourth-class cities.

S. B. 241. Hodges. To provide that conduits for street lighting improvements may be laid at same time streets are laid.

S. B. 130. O'Rourke. Authorizing cities of the second, third, fourth and fifth class to issue bonds for sewage disposal and filtration plants.

H. B. 315. Wedeking. To enable cities of the fifth class to aid their school city in providing property, buildings, etc., for school purposes; to enable civil city when school city does not have sufficient money for this purpose, to acquire the property by eminent domain or otherwise and pay for out of city general fund. Applies to Tell City particularly.

S. B. 269. Koenig. Limiting number of justices of the peace in townships that contain all or the greater part of a second class city to two and fixing the salary at \$2,500. Providing that the county provide quarters. Applies specifically to Fort Wayne.

COUNTIES AND TOWNSHIPS

S. B. 35. Nejd. To amend Lake county park purchasing act of 1925 so as to include townships of greater size.

H. B. 43. Babcock. Providing additional restrictions in the law permitting counties and townships to make donations to or take stock in railroad companies proposing to build or reconstruct roads through counties and townships; fixing the amount of donation at not more than 2 per cent of the taxable value of the county.

H. B. 157. Lafuze. Revising laws on collection of delinquent taxes allowing taxpayer thirty days' grace before being levied against and requiring county treasurer to serve notice on delinquents twice each year.

S. B. 238. Gottschalk. To legalize sale by counties of real estate even though county commissioners have not followed strict proceedings.

H. B. 181. Nolan. Providing means whereby 100 freeholders of two or more adjoining townships may have the townships build a joint grade or high school.

COURTS

S. B. 159. Pell. To fix time of two terms of court for Thirtieth judicial circuit of Clay county, reducing number of terms from five to two a year.

S. B. 21. Markel. Creating separate judicial circuits in Elkhart and Dekalb counties and making Lagrange and Steuben joint circuits.

EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

S. B. 236. Cravens. Allows a corporation to build a high school building. Applies to city of Madison.

H. B. 324. Worley of Vigo. Authorizing trustees of Indiana State Normal school to sell a tract of 1,200 square feet in Terre Haute for which school has no further use.

H. B. 338. Smith of Tippecanoe, Pittenger. Authorizing trustees of Indiana and Purdue Universities and the two state Normal schools to acquire property and issue bonds for the construction of dormitories.

H. B. 368. Huffman-Lankford. Providing means whereby corporations may be formed in school corporations of 7,000 population or less to build a school and lease it to the board corporation, giving the school corporation power to issue bonds for rental and lease.

H. B. 321. Leslie. Legalizing funds spent by school township and town in construction of a joint school building in township under 1,500 population and providing for equalization of costs. Applies to Williamsport, Warren County.

H. B. 289. Brewster. Providing means where a school township and town of 3,000 which for ten years have maintained separate joint grade and joint high schools may erect a new school building.

HIGHWAYS AND MOTORISTS

H. B. 79. Bennett. To require state highway commission to maintain detours and build run-arounds where possible.

S. B. 215. Quillin. Exempting one-ton trucks from city licenses.

HOSPITALS AND INSANE INSTITUTIONS

S. B. 66. Harrison. Amending the tuberculosis hospital law to provide for equipment and maintenance of Sunnyside Hospital in Marion County.

S. B. 52. Cravens. Applying county hospital law with reference to additions to all counties.

S. B. 227. Harlan. Providing for the joint construction of a sewage disposal system by the city of Richmond and the Eastern Hospital for the Insane.

S. B. 228. Harlan. To give Wayne township, Wayne County, authority to make a tax levy not exceeding 2 cents on each 100 for the maintenance of the Reed Memorial Hospital, meeting expense of free patients.

H. B. 200. Gray-Pittenger. Authorizing acceptance by trustees of Indiana University of the William A. Coleman gift of \$250,000 directing construction of the hospital near the Robert W. Long Hospital and appropriating \$75,000 a year for the maintenance of the hospital, designating the medical group of Indianapolis as the Indiana University Hospital.

LEGALIZING AND ENABLING ACTS

S. B. 147. Shank. To legalize Topeka bond issue of August 23, 1926 on construction of a fire department building.

S. B. 174. Cravens. Legalizing expenditures of town boards in towns of from 300 to 600 population. Applying to North Madison.

S. B. 73. O'Rourke. To enable First Presbyterian church at Ft. Wayne to incorporate for business purposes.

H. B. 349. Morgan. To legalize acts of notaries public.

S. B. 106. Hill. Legalizes bond issue for a township in Fayette County.

S. B. 262. Cravens. Legalizing construction of a high school building in the town of Hanover by a holding company.

S. B. 277. Davis-Steele. To enable Deer Creek township, Miami county, to take of land for park purposes.

H. B. 320. Hughes. Authorizing trustee in county seat towns of 650 to 1,000 population with an assessed valuation of \$625,000, on petition of twenty-five freeholders, to spend \$20,000 to provide for a community building. Applying to Newport.

S. B. 293. Johnson. To permit notaries public to take acknowledgments of sales of cemetery lots.

S. B. 256. Koenig. Refunding \$157 from Allen county treasury to man who was thought dead.

S. B. 123. Pell. To relieve sureties of Parke county treasurer who committed suicide about four years ago.

H. B. 323. Smith of Tippecanoe. Legalizing divorces when affidavit failed to state address of residence for the two-year period required by law.

MEMORIALS

H. B. 159. Pittenger, Drake. Creating the George Rogers Clark memorial commission of twelve members, including director of state historical bureau, to carry out plans for 1929 sesquicentennial at Vincennes, and establish a 5-mill state tax levy for 1928 and 1929 to raise funds to make necessary purchases and constructions.

MILITARY AFFAIRS

H. B. 160. Pittenger. To authorize the Governor as trustee to receive from the secretary of war "other funds" that were collected by national guard organizations that have been broken up and disbanded since service in the world war.

MISCELLANEOUS

S. B. 6. Perkins. Establishing a sinking fund for libraries built by school city of South Bend and providing that money of the fund be deposited with bank making highest bid on rate of interest to be paid.

S. B. 144. Nejd. Strengthen mine safety regulations and requiring frequent daily inspection of coal mines.

S. B. 118. Hodges. To prescribe a method by which title to certain riparian lands held in Lake County may be settled with the state by payment of \$25 an acre.

H. B. 223. Scott. Permitting lots in Lake county sub-divisions to be assessed for drains and ditches instead of confining assessment to acreage basis.

H. B. 245. Babcock. Amending drainage laws of 1919 to provide that where petition asks to make part open and part tile ditch and shows that land owners have advanced money in repairs that has not been explained, the court shall order the repairs and repayment of money advanced.

S. B. 183. Holmes-Shake. Exempting municipal holding company waterworks bonds from taxation.

SALARY INCREASES

H. B. 45. Batterman. Providing that county commissioners of Lake county, on petition of 100 freeholders, may increase the salaries of the five superior, circuit and criminal court judges of Lake county, the increase not to be \$5,800 more than the present salary.

S. B. 132. Quillin. Raises salary of Indianapolis chief of police and fire chief to \$4,800.

S. B. 137. Brown. To provide for an increase in the salary of the circuit judge of Porter county from \$4,200 to not more than \$7,000.

S. B. 143. Martin. To put surveyors in counties of certain size on salary, instead of fee basis. For Fulton county particularly, salary would be fixed at \$2,500 a year.

H. B. 351. Morris. To increase salary of the state land clerk from \$1,800 to \$2,500 a year.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

S. B. 124. Shake. Amending utility laws so that surplus earnings of municipally-owned power companies, after deductions for establishing a reasonable sinking fund, may be used for general purposes by the city.

STATE FINANCES

H. B. 1. Pittenger. Appropriating \$100,000 to defray expenses of the Seventy-fifth session and providing for increase in pay of members. Vetoed and passed over veto.

S. B. 4. Payne. Originally designed to repeal 1925 law calling for distribution of auto license plates but amended and passed to require them to be printed or typewritten by secretary of state and distributed free to state tax board and to all county assessors. Appropriating \$10,000 a year.

H. B. 367. Bender, Freemyer, Trowbridge, Murden. Appropriating total of \$275,000 to department of conservation and Purdue agricultural experiment station to carry on fight against European corn borer and plant diseases.

S. B. 168. Lindley-Shake-Johnson. Farm tax relief bill, providing for a state-wide reassessment of real estate in 1928 and each four years thereafter, stipulating items to be considered by assessing officials in appraising real estate and farm lands, including earning capacity and sales of similar property, and directing state tax board in 1927 alone to go into local communities and reduce assessments on real estate where the same is out of line with the general level of the state.

H. B. 129. Farrell. Biennial budget measure appropriating approximately \$50,000,000 for the next biennial period, beginning October 1, 1927, for expenses of state government.

Addenda.

S. B. 39. Steele. Providing for repeal of 1925 railroad police bill and creating new act making appointment of railroad police mandatory by Governor on application of railroad companies.

S. B. 204. Dickerman. To enable city of Indianapolis to build sewers extending outside the city and providing that city pay 35 per cent of cost by bond issue to be reimbursed later when the property outside is connected and assessed.

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