

15 trict and were not benefited by the district as originally established,  
 16 then the board shall levy upon said annexed lands an assessment suf-  
 17 ficient to pay their proportionate share of the costs of said repair or  
 18 improvement which was the basis for the lands being annexed."

Approved April 5, 1957.

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## CHAPTER 225

### DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICTS

#### H. F. 103

AN ACT relating to the acquisition of easements for meander by drainage or levee districts.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section four hundred fifty-five point one hundred  
 2 thirty-five (455.135), Code 1954, is hereby amended by striking the  
 3 last paragraph thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
 4 "The governing body of the district may, by contract or convey-  
 5 ance, acquire, within or without the district, the necessary lands or  
 6 easements for making repairs or improvements under this section,  
 7 including easements for borrow and easements for meander, and in  
 8 addition thereto, the same may be obtained in the manner provided in  
 9 the original establishment of the district, or by exercise of the power  
 10 of eminent domain as provided for in chapter four hundred seventy-  
 11 two (472) of the Code."

1 SEC. 2. Districts hereafter established for the straightening, wid-  
 2 ening, deepening, or changing of a natural watercourse shall acquire  
 3 therefor an easement for right-of-way of sufficient width to accom-  
 4 modate reasonably anticipated erosion and meander of such stream.  
 5 In existing districts where the stream has by erosion appropriated  
 6 lands beyond its original right-of-way and it is more economical and  
 7 feasible to acquire an easement for such erosion and meander than to  
 8 undertake containment of the stream in its existing right-of-way, the  
 9 board may, in the discharge of the duties enjoined upon it by section  
 10 four hundred fifty-five point one hundred thirty-five (455.135) of the  
 11 Code, effect such acquisition as to the whole or part of the course.  
 12 Right-of-way so taken shall be classed an improvement for the pur-  
 13 pose of procedure under said section.

Approved March 29, 1957.