

CHAPTER 128

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

H.F. 492

AN ACT relating to soil conservation by providing for the acquisition of land by soil and water conservation districts, and eliminating certain reporting requirements.

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

Section 1. Section 457A.1, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

457A.1 ACQUISITION BY OTHER THAN CONDEMNATION.

The department of natural resources, soil and water conservation districts as provided in chapter 161A, the historical division of the department of cultural affairs, the state archaeologist appointed by the state board of regents pursuant to section 263B.1, any county conservation board, and any city or agency of a city may acquire by purchase, gift, contract, or other voluntary means, but not by eminent domain, conservation easements in land to preserve scenic beauty, wildlife habitat, riparian lands, wetlands, or forests; promote outdoor recreation, agriculture, soil or water conservation, or open space; or otherwise conserve for the benefit of the public the natural beauty, natural and cultural resources, and public recreation facilities of the state.

Sec. 2. Section 161A.11, Code 2003, is repealed.

Approved May 15, 2003

CHAPTER 129ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM —
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

H.F. 576

AN ACT relating to the enterprise zone program and including effective date provisions.

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

Section 1. Section 15E.192, subsection 3, paragraphs a and b, Code 2003, are amended to read as follows:

a. A county or city which meets the distress criteria provided in section 15E.194, Code 2001, may apply to the department for an area to be certified as an enterprise zone at any time prior to ~~July~~ December 1, 2003. However, the total amount of land designated as enterprise zones under subsections 1 and 2, and any other enterprise zones certified by the department, excluding those approved pursuant to section 15E.194, subsection 4, shall not exceed in the aggregate one percent of the total county area.

b. An enterprise zone certified by the department pursuant to subsection 2 shall not be decertified or only be amended if the amendment consists of an area being added to the enterprise zone and the added area meets the criteria of section 15E.194, subsection 2. An enterprise zone certified by the department pursuant to subsection 1 or 2 may be decertified;