

House File 2244 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO LSB 5329SS
BY KREIMAN)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act limiting the forest reservation acreage property tax
2 exemption and including effective and applicability date
3 provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 427C.3, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 427C.3 FOREST RESERVATION.
1 4 1. A forest reservation shall contain not less than two
1 5 hundred growing forest trees on each acre. ~~If Subject to the~~
1 6 ~~restrictions in subsection 2, if the area selected is a forest~~
1 7 ~~containing the required number of growing forest trees, ~~it the~~~~
1 8 ~~area shall be accepted as a forest reservation under this~~
1 9 ~~chapter provided application is made or on file on or before~~
1 10 ~~February 1 of the exemption year. If any buildings are~~
1 11 ~~standing on an area selected as a forest reservation under~~
1 12 ~~this section or a fruit-tree reservation under section 427C.7,~~
1 13 ~~one acre of that area shall be excluded from the tax~~
1 14 ~~exemption. However, the exclusion of that acre shall not~~
1 15 ~~affect the area's meeting the acreage requirement of section~~
1 16 ~~427C.2.~~
1 17 2. An exemption granted for a forest reservation shall not
1 18 exceed ten acres of reservation. An owner of a forest
1 19 reservation is limited to one forest reservation exemption in
1 20 the county.

1 21 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATE PROVISIONS. This
1 22 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon
1 23 enactment and applies to forest reservation exemptions granted
1 24 before, on, or after the effective date of this Act. Forest
1 25 reservation exemptions in effect as of the effective date of
1 26 this Act shall be modified so that the amount of exemption
1 27 does not exceed ten acres of forest reservation and so that
1 28 only one exemption per owner per county is allowed.

EXPLANATION

1 30 This bill limits to 10 acres the amount of forest
1 31 reservation for which a property tax exemption may be granted.
1 32 The bill also provides that an owner of a forest reservation
1 33 is limited to one forest reservation exemption in the county.

1 34 The bill takes effect upon enactment and applies to forest
1 35 reservation exemptions granted before, on, or after the

2 1 effective date.

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