

# A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION FIFTEEN HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT (1528), OF THE SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE, 1913, RELATING TO THE LEVYING OF TAXES BY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That paragraph 1 of section fifteen hundred twenty-eight (1528), of the supplement to the code, 1913, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

“1. The amount of money, specified in dollars and cents, necessary for the succeeding year for the repair of the roads, culverts and bridges and for guide boards, plows, scrapers, road drags, tools and machinery adapted to the repair of roads, culverts and bridges and for the destruction of noxious weeds in public highways and other public places and for the payment of any indebtedness previously incurred for road purposes; provided said amount shall not exceed the amount which a four mill levy on the assessed valuation of the township for the preceding year would have produced. Said money when collected shall be expended under the direction and orders of said trustees. Said trustees may also determine and certify, as hereinafter provided, such amount, specified in dollars and cents (as is necessary to pay any drainage assessment that may have been heretofore levied and is still unpaid or for the payment of any drainage assessment that may be hereafter levied against the township on account of benefits to highways under the provisions of section nineteen hundred eighty-nine-a nineteen (1989-a 19), of the supplement to the code, 1913, or for the payment of the expenses of draining the highways of the township, or in co-operation with those owning land in the township in securing the drainage of such highways, provided said amount shall not exceed the amount which a five mill levy on the assessed valuation of the township for the preceding year would have produced. If the amount to be expended in any one place for drainage expense exceeds the sum of fifty dollars, the township shall not pay more than its just proportion of the benefits, to be ascertained by a competent civil engineer and duly set forth in his report approving of such drainage, which report shall be filed with the township clerk before any money is paid out for such drainage. The township clerk shall forthwith certify each of said amounts, separately, to the board of supervisors and said board shall, at its September session, levy on the property of the township such rate of tax as will produce approximately the said sums, separately; provided, such sum or sums do not exceed the limitation herein fixed. Should such amount or amounts exceed the limitation herein fixed, the board of supervisors shall so reduce the same as to comply therewith.”