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House File 400
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Vote: Ayes 101 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 47 Nays 0
Approved by law 4-30-57

A BILL FOR

An Act to permit two (2) or more county boards of education to enter into an agreement for joint action in employing one (1) county superintendent and for performing other duties of such boards.

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

1 Section 1. Section two hundred seventy-three point
2 fourteen (273.14), Code 1954, is hereby amended by adding
3 at the end of such section the following:
4 “; provided, however, that county boards of education
5 may, in any two or more adjacent counties, by mutual agreement
6 act as a joint board to appoint one (1) county superintendent
7 for all such counties, to employ professional and clerical
8 assistants, and to provide such services as can be carried
9 on jointly and will operate to their mutual benefit. Such
10 agreement shall be written and entered in their respective
11 minutes. Prior to the adoption of any such agreement it
12 shall be approved by the state department of public instruction.
13 The superintendent appointed under such an agreement shall
14 be the official county superintendent for each of the
15 respective boards and shall be appointed for a term of years,
16 one (1) to three (3), but in no event longer than the period
17 of time that the mutual agreement between the boards is to
18 be in effect. The written agreement providing for joint action
19 by the boards shall provide for the determination of the

20 cost of such joint program and the manner of allocation of
21 such cost to each board for inclusion in the respective
22 budgets. For payment of salaries and other costs of such
23 joint program, the boards by mutual agreement shall designate
24 one board to make such payments and be reimbursed by the other
25 board or boards pursuant to their joint agreement. Such boards
26 are hereby authorized to meet together for the transaction of
27 joint business and at such joint meetings the individual
28 boards may also separately transact their own business.”

1 Sec. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance
2 shall take effect and be in force from and after its
3 publication in The Sibley Gazette-Tribune, a newspaper
4 published in Sibley, Iowa, and The Holstein Advance, a
5 newspaper published in Holstein, Iowa.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 400

The purpose of this bill is to permit two or more county boards of education to agree to employ a county superintendent and other personnel jointly and to provide services jointly. This act would, in this way, enable counties to reduce the cost of county administration of education.