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Senate File 95
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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the merger and consolidation of counties
and of county offices.

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

1 Section 1. Boards of supervisors of two or more counties,
2 upon the written petition, filed with the county auditor of each
3 county, of twenty-five (25) per cent of the electors of each of
4 said counties, who voted in the last preceding election for
5 Governor, shall call an election within said counties for the
6 purpose of voting upon a proposal for the consolidation of said
7 counties into a single county unit, or for the consolidation
8 of any of the offices thereof, either elective or appointive,
9 into a single office in said counties.

1 Sec. 2. Upon the filing of the petition, as provided in
2 Sec. 1 hereof, the said boards of supervisors shall meet and
3 fix a time for voting upon such proposed merger and consolida-
4 tion of counties or for the merger and consolidation of
5 offices within said counties, which election may be held at a
6 time fixed by such joint boards of supervisors.

1 Sec. 3. Upon such proposal, for the merger and consoli-
2 dation of counties or for the merger and consolidation of any
3 office or offices therein, receiving a majority vote in favor
4 thereof, by the electors in each county, the boards of super-
5 visors shall take all steps necessary to carry into effect

6 such merger and consolidation and shall have all the powers
7 and duties as are now prescribed and provided by law for the
8 management and operation of counties.

1 Sec. 4. In the general election following such merger
2 and consolidation a board of supervisors thereof shall be
3 elected for said new consolidated county and shall consist
4 of five members, not more than three of whom shall be from
5 any one of the previously existing counties.

1 Sec. 5. Upon the election and taking of office of the
2 board of supervisors as provided in Sec. 4 hereof the terms
3 of office of the supervisors in the counties which have been
4 merged and consolidated shall terminate.

1 Sec. 6. Upon the merger and consolidation of any office
2 or offices to be filled by election or by appointment and
3 upon the election or appointment and qualification of such
4 officer or officers in said consolidated county the term
5 or terms of office of the existing officer or officers
6 filling such office or offices in the merged and consoli-
7 dated counties shall terminate.

1 Sec. 7. The board of supervisors for the merged and
2 consolidated county shall select a proper and suitable lo-
3 cation for the seat of government thereof and select a name
4 for said county and shall file the name with the Secretary
5 of State of Iowa.

1 Sec. 8. All the powers and duties which now or which
2 may hereinafter apply to boards of supervisors and county
3 officers, both elected and appointed, shall apply to the
4 board of supervisors and officers of any such merged and
5 consolidated counties or merged and consolidated county

6 office or offices as provided for in this act.
1 Sec. 9. All properties, both personal and real, be-
2 longing to the merged counties shall become the property of
3 the new consolidated county and all liabilities and obliga-
4 tions of such merged counties shall become the liabilities
5 and obligations of the new consolidated county.

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1 Amend Senate File 95, by striking section 6 and insert-
2 ing in lieu thereof the following: "Upon merger and consoli-
3 dation of any office or offices to be filled by election or
4 by appointment upon the election or appointment and quali-
5 fication of such officer or officers in said counties the
6 term or terms of office of the existing officer or officers
7 filling such office or offices in said counties shall termin-
8 ate. The salaries of such officer or officers and all costs
9 of such office or offices shall be allocated to the counties
10 involved according to the assessed valuation of all property
11 therein and certified and included in the budgets of the
12 respective counties in such manner."

Filed
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By NOLAN.
