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By MCGILL

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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to county school systems.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter two hundred seventy-three (273), Code
2 1966, is hereby amended by adding thereto sections two (2)
3 through seven (7) of this Act.

1 Sec. 2. The voters of any county may abolish the county
2 school system, including the county board of education and
3 the county superintendent.

1 Sec. 3. The county board of education of any county upon
2 receipt of a petition signed by not less than ten (10) percent
3 of the total number of persons voting for governor in the last
4 general election in the county, shall call a special election
5 on the question of abolishing the county school system. The
6 question on the ballot shall be: "Shall the county school
7 system of this county be abolished?" The special election
8 shall be conducted as provided in chapter forty-nine (49) of
9 the Code.

1 Sec. 4. If a majority of the votes cast favor the proposal,
2 the county school system shall continue to operate for the
3 remainder of the school year in which the special election was
4 held, and through the following summer months with the approval
5 of the state superintendent of public instruction. At the end
6 of such period, the provisions of sections two hundred seventy-
7 three point one (273.1) through two hundred seventy-three
8 point twenty-three (273.23) of the Code shall no longer be

9 applicable to the county, and the provisions of sections five
10 (5) through seven (7) of this Act shall apply to such county.

1 Sec. 5. If a county school system is abolished, the state
2 superintendent of public instruction shall have all of the
3 powers and duties relating to the schools of the county
4 previously held by the county board of education and the
5 county superintendent as specified in sections two hundred
6 seventy-three point twelve (273.12), two hundred seventy-
7 three point thirteen (273.13), and two hundred seventy-three
8 point eighteen (273.18) of the Code; and all other sections
9 of the Code containing references to the county board of
10 education or the county superintendent shall be construed
11 where such offices have been abolished to mean the state
12 superintendent of public instruction.

1 Sec. 6. The state superintendent of public instruction shall
2 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out this
3 Act, including special rules for each county that abolishes a
4 county school system to insure an orderly transition of
5 authority and distribution of the assets of the county school
6 system.

1 Sec. 7. If a county school system is abolished, the state
2 superintendent shall sell by private or public sale any assets
3 having market value and deposit the sale proceeds in the general
4 school fund of the county. The state superintendent shall
5 distribute any assets without market value among the schools
6 within the county.