

January 16, 1961.
Safety and Law Enforcement.

House File 30
By VAN ALSTINE.

Passed House, Date.....2-17-61 Passed Senate, Date.....3-17-61
Vote: Ayes.....101 Nays.....0 Vote: Ayes.....44 Nays.....0
Approved.....3-20-61

A BILL FOR

An Act to permit the joint ownership, operation, and leasing of
radio transmitting equipment by towns, cities, and counties.

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

1 Section 1. Chapter seven hundred fifty (750), Code of 1958, is
2 amended by adding thereto the following new section:

3 "The council of any city or town and the board of supervisors
4 of any county shall have in addition to the foregoing the
5 authority:

6 1. To purchase, lease, own, and maintain additional radio and
7 electronic communications systems as may be deemed necessary by
8 said agency for the efficient operation of the law-enforcement
9 agencies under its jurisdiction, and to pay the cost thereof
10 from the general fund of said county, or the public-safety fund
11 of said city or town.

12 2. To enter into lease or contract arrangements for the joint
13 ownership, maintenance, acquisition or leasing of said equipment
14 with any other city, town, or county and may jointly operate the
15 same with such co-operating agency for the mutual economy and
16 efficiency of both."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 30

This bill will empower cities, towns and counties to enter into joint operation agreements and purchase and leasing agreements of broadcasting equipment for use by law-enforcement agencies. Such joint ownership and operation is not authorized by the present law. There are a number of county-seat towns or adjoining cities and counties where technical joint ownership and operation of a single transmitting station operated from separate locations is feasible and would result in acquisition and maintenance cost savings.

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- 1 1. Amend Section one (1), line four (4) by adding after the
- 2 second word "the", the word "discretionary."
- 3 2. Amend Section one (1), line six (6), by striking the
- 4 second word "and" and inserting in lieu thereof a comma.
- 5 3. Further amend said section by inserting after the word
- 6 "communications" in line seven (7) the words "and
- 7 telecommunications".
- 8 4. Amend the title by striking in line two (2) the words
- 9 "radio transmitting" and inserting in lieu thereof
- 10 the word "communication".

Filed
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COMMITTEE ON SAFETY AND
LAW ENFORCEMENT,
SAMUEL ROBINSON, *Chairman*.

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