

February 5, 1965.

Governmental Subdivisions.

House File 188

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Passed House, Date 4/7 Passed Senate, Date 4/12
Vote: Ayes 42 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 52 Nays 1
Approved April 22, 1965

A BILL FOR

*passed on file 4/8
substituted for SF 97 - 4/12
motion to reconsider vote tabled 4/12*

An Act to authorize joint exercise of governmental powers by public agencies.

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

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1 Amend House File 188 as follows:

(8-44) { 2 1. By striking the last sentence in section 2.

{ 3 2. By striking the words "or private" in line 2 of section 4.

(15-38) 4 3. By striking all of section 14.

Filed April 7, 1965. *Just 4/12* By MESSERLY.

This is a Companion Bill; for complete text see Senate File 97.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 188

This bill would permit any local unit of government (city, town, school, county, township, or special district) to make agreements or contract with each other or state or federal agencies. This should stimulate increased cooperation and efficiency among governmental units.

Currently, local units of government must get specific authority from the legislature for any kind of agreement or contract with each other. This bill would eliminate the necessity for authorization for each kind of agreement. Instead, if the government units have the power by law to do something individually, they automatically will the power to perform the service or function jointly if they make an agreement or contract and if they follow certain steps in doing this.

About a dozen states already have this legislation, and this bill is patterned after the model act followed in these states.