

April 5, 1967
County and Township Affairs
Pass as amended 4-13
Governmental Subdivision 5-17

By WINKELMAN, COCHRAN, HICKLIN
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Passed House, Date 5-11-67

Passed Senate, Date 6-15-67

Vote: Ayes 88 Nays 4

Vote: Ayes 44 Nays 0

Approved _____

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to the drainage and levee fund.

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

1 Section 1. Section four hundred fifty-five point sixty-one
2 (455.61), Code 1966, is hereby repealed and the following en-
3 acted in lieu thereof:

4 "Such taxes when collected shall be kept in a separate fund
5 known as the county drainage or levee fund and shall be paid
6 out only for purposes properly connected with and growing out
7 of the county drainage and levee districts on order of the
8 board. The auditor shall continue to keep a record of each
9 of the drainage and levee district's funds so as to accurately
10 reflect the financial condition of each such district account.
11 The treasurer, on order of the board of supervisors, shall
12 invest such funds not immediately needed for current operating
13 expenses in United States government bonds, in time certifi-
14 cates of deposit, or savings accounts in such banks as the
15 board shall approve. Interest collected by the treasurer on
16 the funds so invested shall be deposited in the county drain-
17 age or levee fund and the auditor shall apportion the interest
18 to each solvent drainage or levee district account in the ratio
19 that each district balance bears to the whole county drainage
20 or levee fund. Interest and penalties collected on drainage
21 or levee district taxes shall be credited to the district for
22 which the taxes are being collected. The board of supervisors
23 may invest funds not immediately needed for current operating

24 expenses as provided in chapter four hundred fifty-three (453)
25 of the Code."

EXPLANATION

This bill will provide for only one drainage or levee fund in the treasurer's office. The auditor will continue to keep the financial records of each district. This change will allow the supervisors to invest funds not immediately needed, keeping a reasonable balance in the fund to take care of unforeseen repairs without paying interest on stamped warrants. Each district now has its own fund in the treasurer's office making it impractical to invest only small amounts for 50 to 200 or so districts. This change will also practically eliminate stamped warrants for repairs and will save much interest that is now being paid by land-owners in drainage and levee districts.

1 Amend House File 651 by striking everything after the enacting
2 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
3 "Section 1. Section four hundred fifty-five point
4 sixty-one (455.61), Code 1966, is hereby repealed and the
5 following enacted in lieu thereof:
6 "Such taxes when collected shall be kept in a separate fund
7 known as the county drainage or levee fund and shall be paid
8 out only for purposes properly connected with and growing out
9 of the county drainage and levee districts on order of the
10 board. The auditor shall continue to keep a record of each
11 of the drainage and levee district's funds so as to
12 accurately reflect the financial condition of each such
13 district account. The treasurer, on order of the board of
14 supervisors, shall invest such funds not immediately needed
15 for current operating expenses in United States Government
16 bonds, in time certificates of deposit, in savings accounts in
17 such banks as the board shall approve, in the interest bearing
18 obligations of the drainage and levee districts of the county,
19 or as provided by Chapter four hundred fifty-three (453) of the
20 Code. Interest collected by the treasurer on the funds so
21 invested shall be deposited in the county drainage or levee fund,
22 and on January 1, of each year the auditor shall apportion and
23 credit such interest to each drainage or levee district
24 account in the proportion which the average credit balance
25 of each district bears to the average balance of the county
26 drainage or levee fund. The averages to be ascertained shall
27 be the averages of the balances existing on the first of each
28 month during the calendar year immediately preceding.
29 Interest and penalties collected on drainage or levee
30 district taxes shall be credited to the district for which
31 the taxes are being collected. This section shall not be
32 construed so as to permit expenditures in behalf of any
33 district in excess of its share of the county drainage or
34 levee fund. The provisions of this section shall not apply
35 to drainage and levee districts under trustee management
36 unless the trustees consent thereto, and in the absence of
37 such consent section four hundred sixty-two point twenty-nine
38 (462.29) shall apply."

Filed - *adopted* 5-11-67
May 9, 1967

By HICKLIN of Louisa,
WINKELMAN of Calhoun.

1 House File 651 is hereby amended as follows:
2 1. Section one (1) is hereby amended by adding thereto the
3 following:
4 "The provisions of this section shall not apply to drainage
5 or levee districts with a pumping station and taxes collected
6 in such districts shall be retained in a separate fund as
7 in section four hundred sixty-two point twenty-nine (462.29) of
8 the Code."
9 2. By adding thereto the following new section:
10 "Sec. 2. Section four hundred sixty-two point twenty-nine
11 (462.29), Code 1966, is hereby amended by inserting in line
12 (5) after the word 'collected,' the words 'except as authorized
13 in section one (1) of this Act,'." five

Filed - *Withdrawn* 5-11-67
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COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND TOWNSHIP
AFFAIRS.