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House File 690

By COMMITTEE ON TAX REVISION

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by Senate
6-19-67
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A BILL FOR

An Act relating to county public hospital funds, the control and investment thereof.

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

1 Section 1. Section three hundred forty-seven point eleven
2 (347.11), Code 1966, is hereby amended by inserting in line
3 four (4) after the word "then," the words "except as hereafter
4 provided,".

5 Further amend said section by striking the period after the
6 word "secretary" in line six (6) and inserting in lieu thereof
7 the following:

8 ", and one as treasurer. The secretary and treasurer shall
9 each file with the chairman of the board a surety bond in such
10 penal sum as the board of trustees may require and with sure-
11 ties to be approved by the board for the use and benefit of
12 the county public hospital. The reasonable cost of such bonds
13 shall be paid from operating funds of the hospital. The secre-
14 tary shall report to the county auditor and treasurer the names
15 of the chairman, secretary and treasurer of the board of hospi-
16 tal trustees as soon as practicable after the qualification of
17 each."

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred forty-seven point twelve
2 (347.12), Code 1966, is hereby repealed and the following en-
3 acted in lieu thereof:

4 "The treasurer of the county hospital shall receive and
5 disburse all funds. Warrants shall be drawn by the secretary

6 and countersigned by the chairman of the board after the
7 claim has been certified by the board.

8 "The treasurer of the county hospital shall keep an accu-
9 rate account of all receipts and disbursements and shall
10 register all orders drawn and reported to him by the secre-
11 tary, showing the number, date, to whom drawn, the fund upon
12 which drawn, the purpose and amount.

13 "The secretary of the hospital board of trustees shall
14 file monthly on or before the tenth day of each month with
15 such board a complete statement of all receipts and disburse-
16 ments from all funds during the preceding month, and also the
17 balance remaining on hand in such funds at the close of the
18 period covered by said statement.

19 "Before the fifteenth day of each month in each year, the
20 county treasurer shall give notice to the chairman of the
21 board of hospital trustees of the amount of revenue collected
22 for each fund of the hospital to the first day of such month,
23 and the chairman shall draw his draft therefor countersigned
24 by the secretary, upon the county treasurer, who shall pay
25 such taxes to the treasurer of the hospital, only on such
26 draft."

1 Sec. 3. Section four hundred fifty-three point one (453.1),
2 Code 1966, is hereby amended as follows:

3 1. By inserting after the word "town," in line two (2) the
4 words "county public hospital,".

5 2. By inserting after the word "council," in line ten (10)
6 the words "board of hospital trustees,".

1 Sec. 4. Section four hundred fifty-three point four
2 (453.4), Code 1966, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word "officer" in line three (3) the words "or county public
4 hospital officer".

1 Sec. 5. Section four hundred fifty-three point eleven
2 (453.11), Code 1966, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 word "town" in line two (2) the words ", county public hospital".

EXPLANATION

The county public hospitals, like other separate and distinct governmental units, have a governing body, a staff, and facilities and have a complete accounting system required by good management principles. However under present law, the county treasurer cannot transmit to the hospital its share of the revenue collected each month as he does with other agencies of government. All bills, no matter what, are paid with warrants on the county treasurer. This outmoded procedure would be harmless if it were not for the fact that it requires a double set of books--one set in the courthouse and another set in the hospital. The audit and reconciliation of this double bookkeeping more than doubles the audit job. This wasteful rigmarole should be stopped and the governing body of such hospitals should have authority to invest idle funds like other units of government.

- 1 Amend House File 690 as follows:
- 2 1. Section three (3), line four (4), insert after the
- 3 word "hospital," the words "merged area hospital".
- 4 2. Section four (4), line four (4), insert after the
- 5 word "officer" the words "or merged area hospital officer".
- 6 3. Section five (5), line three (3), insert after the
- 7 word "hospital" the words ", merged area hospital".

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 June 13, 1967

By LUCKEN, DeKOSTER and BUREN

- 1 Amend House File 690 Section 2, line 19 by striking
- 2 the words "fifteenth day" and inserting in lieu
- 3 thereof the words "third Monday".

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 May 4, 1967

MOFFITT of Appanoose-Davis

- 1 Amend House File 690 as follows:
- 2 By inserting in section 3 in line 4 after the word "hospi-
- 3 tal," the words "merged area hospital".
- 4 By inserting in section 4 in line 4 after the word "offi-
- 5 cer" the words "or merged area hospital officer".
- 6 By inserting in section 5 in line 3 after the word "hospi-
- 7 tal" the words ", merged area hospital".

As Adopted by the Senate *House concurred 6-19*