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HOUSE FILE 145

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Passed House, Date 3-12-69 Passed Senate, Date 5-13-69
Vote: Ayes 112 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 40 Nays 0
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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to granting to the counties the right to con-
- 2 tract for options for the purchase of land.
- 3 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 4 Section 1. Section four hundred seventy-one point four
- 5 (471.4), subsection one (1), Code 1966, is amended by adding
- 6 the following sentence:
- 7 "Wherever the county has the right to take private property
- 8 for public use, it also has the right to contract for options
- 9 for the purchase of said land."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 145

In some cases, it may be possible for the county to negotiate a fair price for land acquisition. However, at present, in city areas, where a block may have twenty houses on it, it is difficult to negotiate a purchase because if the county can't reach an agreement on all of the pieces, it wouldn't want any. The right to take options, in conjunction with condemnation rights, would remedy this problem.

- 1 Amend House File 145 by adding the following new section:
- 2 Section 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance,
- 3 shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage
- 4 and publication in The Sioux City Journal, a newspaper published
- 5 at Sioux City, Iowa, and in The Merville Record, a newspaper pub-
- 6 lished at Merville, Iowa.

Filed - *accepted 3-12*
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