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HOUSE FILE 443

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Passed House, Date 3-4-70 Passed Senate, Date 3-26-70
Vote: Ayes 70 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 45 Nays 0

Approved April 10, 1970
Passed House as amended by Senate
4/1/70
aye 107, nays 0
A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to reversion of schoolhouse sites.
- 2 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 3 Section 1. Section two hundred ninety-seven point fifteen
- 4 (297.15), Code 1966, is hereby amended as follows:
- 5 1. By striking all of lines one (1) through three (3),
- 6 inclusive, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
- 7 "Any real estate, owned by a school corporation, containing
- 8 less than two acres, situated wholly outside of a city or town,
- 9 and not".
- 10 2. By adding the following thereto:
- 11 "Any such schoolhouse site containing two or more acres
- 12 shall be subject to the law as otherwise provided."

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 443

This bill modifies the existing law with reference to reversion of rural schoolhouse sites, to permit the sale and disposal of such sites when two acres or larger in size. This will enable a school district to obtain maximum market value of such abandoned site, especially when the site contains substantial improvements, recovery of which would be lost to the public under the reversion rule as now constituted.

The reversionary rights and provisions of the present law are fully retained with respect to sites of less than two acres. Viz: One-room schoolhouse on a one-acre site. Existing rules of prior public voting approval, appraisal and bid procedures are retained.

This bill would clarify and make uniform, for both city and rural districts, the provisions of law regulating sale of unneeded school sites.

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 443

- 1 Amend House File 443, page 1, by adding after line 12 the
- 2 following new subsection:
- 3 "3. By striking lines five (5), six (6) and seven (7)
- 4 and inserting in lieu thereof the following words:
- 5 'schoolhouse site shall revert to the then'."

Received from the Senate
March 30, 1970

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- 1 Amend House File 443, page 1, by adding after
- 2 line 12 a new subsection as follows:
- 3 By striking lines five (5), six (6) and seven
- 4 (7) and inserting in lieu thereof the following
- 5 words:
- 6 "schoolhouse site shall revert to the then".

Filed and adopted
March 26, 1970

By FROMMELT